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General Roller to be first inductee

Nineteen to be inducted into first AMA Sports Hall of Fame

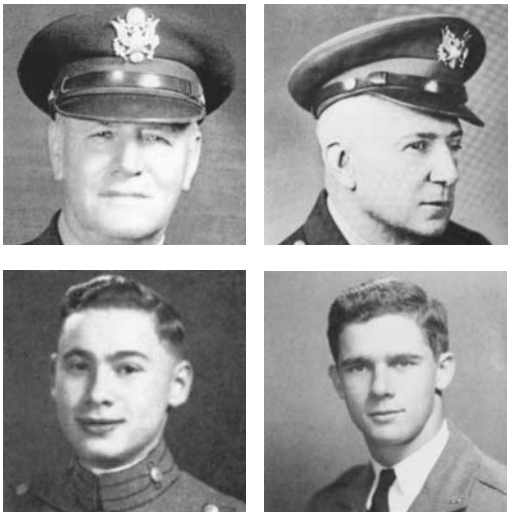
Led by **Major General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, who exemplified sports at AMA from 1897 until his death in 1963, a former AMA coach and seventeen alumni will be the first inductees into the Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame during Reunion 2008.

Colonel Paul Hoover was coach of lacrosse, fencing, soccer, Tiger football and other sports during his long tenure at Augusta. AMA, University of Maryland and NFL player and coach **Dick Nolan, `50**, was selected as was Pulitzer Prize Nominee Sportswriter **Jerry Izenberg, `48**.

Three swimmers, two football players, a tennis player, three basketball players, two boxers, two rifle team members, a baseball player and one who excelled at lacrosse and track also will enter the Hall in April.

The other inductees in alphabetical order are:

+ **Andre Allen, `76**, basketball
+ **Ben Angle, `51**, lacrosse and track
+ **John Bell, `54**, swimming
+ **Ernest Click, `48**, swimming
+ **Bill Deuber, `49**, football and baseball
+ **Jay Fox, `53**, swimming
+ **Bob Gograntt, `63**, basketball
+ **Morris Guerrant, `42**, boxing
+ **Dean Hanson, `63,** rifle
+ **Bill Hummer, `71**, rifle
+ **Pete Lampman, `65**, basketball
+ **Frank Pilley, `51**, tennis
+ **Julian Quarles, `35**, boxing
+ **Jim Stillwagon, `67**, football
+ **Burgess Whitehead, `27**, baseball



Clockwise, General Roller, Colonel Hoover, Dick Nolan, Jerry Izenberg.

The inductions will be done by Stillwagon, Izenberg, and **Frank Williamson, `60**, Chairman of AMA Alumni Foundation and former AMA footballer. Alumni were invited to submit nominations to the Hall over the last year. More than ninety coaches, players and sports media personnel were nominated. A nine judge panel considered the nominations and voted by secret ballot for their choices.

AMA Alumni President **Garry Granger, `71**, said that, *"There were many well qualified nominees and I know that the judges had some difficult decisions to make this first year. We will be taking new inductees next year and the year after so there will be fresh opportunities for other great athletes to join this year's class in the AMA Sports Hall of Fame."*

(See profiles beginning on page 46)

REUNION 2008 LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Casino Night ● AMA Legacy Scholarships ● AMA Alumni Medals ● Golf ● The Bunker at the Greenbrier ● Roller Rifles ● Roller Society Memorial Paver Garden dedication ● Civil War encampment and cannonade ● Silent Auction ● All this and more at Reunion 2008!

49ers, Saints Coach Dick Nolan, '50, dies

Bill McVey, `60, wants to see his donation at work

Fishburne announces AMA Scholarships

Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

Spring 2008

Dear AMA Friends,

Reunion 2008 is just weeks away – April 25th, 26th & 27th, 2008.

Last year's reunion was fantastic and this years will be every bit as special. The Reunion Committee has everything buttoned down but they're still seeking volunteers to help for a few hours during the weekend. Please give us a couple of hours sometime during the reunion. Contact Tina Shafer at 540-248-3007 if you'd like to help.

Many are about to converge on the Valley. You'll hear old stories, new stories and even exaggerations of stories you thought we already exaggerated. Yet, you'll be with friends and brothers who shared an experience that captured our wits and our hearts. It all happened years ago when the campus was bustling with cadets in uniform, performing daily challenges like close order drill, inspections, classes or athletics.

The Theme for Reunion 2008 is "The Sports Hall of Fame." The nominations are in, the ballots have been counted and the recipients have been selected and notified. The inaugural induction into the Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame is an event you'll not want to miss. All American **Jim Stillwagon, '67**, and Pulitzer Prize nominee **Jerry Izenburg, '48**, will recognize the recipients during the Saturday luncheon in the Memorial Gymnasium, where so many sporting events were held, and will present the inductees with their beautiful Hall of Fame pins to be proudly worn.

During the day Friday, some will hit the golf course to see if they have improved since last Spring while others will make the beautiful drive to Lewisburg, West Virginia to visit the bunker at the world famous Greenbrier Hotel and to have lunch in the Sam Snead Grill at the Greenbrier. Better hurry! That trip is limited to the first fifty who sign up and it is bound to be a popular event.

We will award four AMA Legacy Scholarships, recognize special guests, draw ticket numbers for the Tower of Power and award the AMA Alumni Medals during the Friday Awards Banquet.

The Founders Day Ceremony on Saturday morning will pay tribute to the influential women of AMA – those who made a difference in the management and success of our esteemed academy – those who cared for, nurtured and help mold the future of young men – those prominent ladies who helped to guide the ship.

Saturday afternoon will see again the renewed and reinvigorated Roller Rifles marching on the front field as well as the Massanutten Military Academy Drill Team and the now famous Knock-out Drill competition to follow. Who will be the last man standing this year? Some fellows will have a sporting clay shoot after the events on the Parade Ground. All through the weekend, Civil War reenactors will encamp in Lily Valley and all are invited to visit. On Saturday afternoon, there will be a Confederate cannonade on the front field. Yankees, beware!

Saturday evening will be Casino Night and it'll be even more impressive than last year (if that's possible). Bigger prizes, more tables (and we promise that the ATM machine will have plenty of cash!.) Sunday morning will see our Fellowship Breakfast with **Coach Ralph** before we head our separate ways.

I would like to say "Thank You" to those who generously sent contributions at the end of last year and permitted us to meet our financial obligations without invading our reserves. I always knew that if we pulled together we would raise the necessary money to keep our legacy alive. Please remember AMA and if you've thought of making a contribution, do it now, so we can continue to fund our growth.

If you've not yet registered, I urge you to do so today. It's a good idea to call an old friend and ask them to meet you in the Valley at April's end. Together, we can make Reunion 2008 the biggest and best ever.

I hope you are as excited as I am to return to AMA in April! Keep our soldiers and our ailing alumni in your prayers. See you soon. God Bless!

Garry Granger

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

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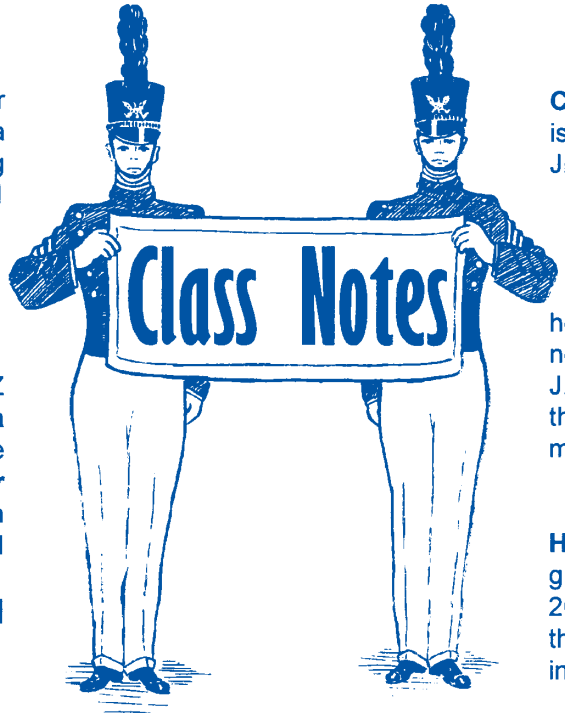


1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)

Julian Quarles went to Florida over Christmas, then came back to visit a cousin in Richmond before returning home to Harrisonburg. Julian was 91 years old in January.

[JMQJR@aol.com]

1936
(TOM ROLLER)

Tom Roller and Dina live in Mesa, AZ and were visited recently by **Virginia** and **Harold Hallock**. Virginia is the daughter of the late **Hilton Roller Grasty** who is Tom's brother. Hilton and Tom's parents were **Colonel and Mrs. Tom Roller**.

[RollerAMA@msn.com]

1938
(LARRY KURTZ)

Captain Larry Kurtz, USN, Retired, and Jill have moved to a three level retirement area in Port Charlotte, FL. They are in the independent living area and the facility also has an assisted living area plus a skilled nursing area. [landjk@sunline.net]

1939
(NONE)

Buddy McCausland, a retired real estate broker, lost his wife of 51 years in 2006. Buddy lives in Lynchburg.

1940
(GEORGE HAW)

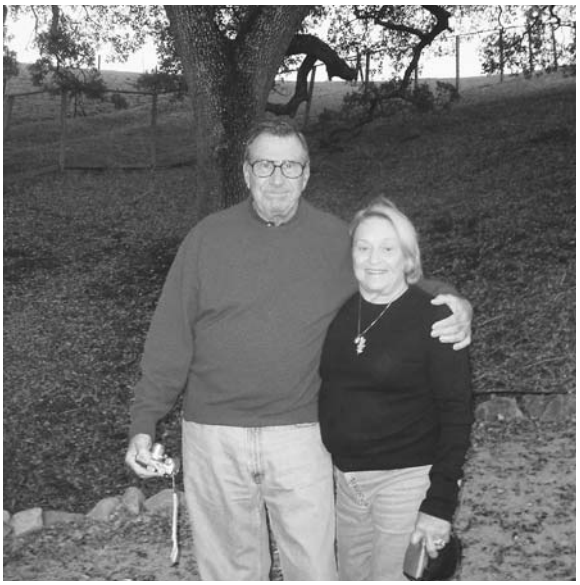
Bob Beam is 85 and still goes to work every day at his Staunton Steam Laundry. He is the past chairman of the Staunton School Board. He enjoyed seeing a display of World War II planes at Shenandoah Valley Airport last Fall.

[lbeam@stauntonsteam.com]

1943
(NONE)

Bob Guggenheimer is a very busy 81 year old. He is hosting countless visitors to Madrid from all over the world. *"I had more than 100 Mormons from Salt Lake City and then a large group from France. One of my sons asked when I was going to slow down and I said 'In 15 years when I reach retirement age.' And he said, 'Dad, you reached retirement age 15 years ago.' Cheeky little devil!"* Bob sent in a year's overseas subscription.

[guggenheimer@teleline.es]



Dr. Ed Leventen, '46, and his wife, Ruth, will take their four grandchildren on a bicycle tour this summer to visit Normandy, France and the D-Day invasion beaches. The Leventens are pictured above at their daughter's new home in Danville, CA.

1946
(NONE)

Colonel Jimmy Pigg reports that all is well in Shalimar, FL. A West Pointer, Jim and Nell have three children.

1947
(MIKE WELCH)

J. B. Simmons proudly reports that he not only has four grandchildren but now has a great-grandson, Jordan. J.B. and Linda live in Tulsa, OK and they have a new e-mail address. They made it back for Reunion 2007.

[jsimmons4@cox.net]

Harry May and Jane now have three great-grandchildren. He attended the 2007 reunion and plans to be back for the 2008 reunion on the last weekend in April.

This is the very first place AMA Alumni look when *The Bayonet* arrives

Your fellow alumni want to hear about YOU, so Class Notes is the first place they look. Here are a few suggestions which we hope you will act on.

SEND us material about yourself – marriages, jobs, travel, births, deaths, retirement and so forth. Don't be concerned if you don't see your news published right away. *The Bayonet* comes out three times a year and if your story misses one issue, it likely will be in the next one. Be sure to send us news about your classmates and AMA friends.

PHOTOS are always welcome but please understand that just because a digital picture looks good on a computer screen, it will not necessarily look good in print. If you send an actual photograph, it should be printed on GLOSSY paper. If you want the picture returned to you, please put your name and address on the back.

DIGITAL PHOTOS in jpeg should be AT LEAST 300 dpi. If you can send a photo in tiff format, that will be even better!

MAIL your story and photos to: *The Bayonet*, 12 Woodside Drive, Danville, CA 94506

E-MAIL a story and any digital photos to: AMABayonet@aol.com

FAX a story to 925/736-8657

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Bob Abrams has moved to new digs in LaConner, Washington. Bob is a celebrated artist who was once a Disney animator. [r.abrams13@verizon.net]

Dr. Tom Callahan is in the part time practice of psychiatry in Fresno, CA. He graduated from MIT in 1955, then from the University of Heidelberg where he earned his MD.

1948
(ERNEST CLICK)

Ernest Click and Marge did lots of traveling in 2007. They made it to New Zealand, Australia, Tasmania, Bermuda and the mountains of North Carolina. Both Ernie and Marge mentor some high school students and he is involved with a program to care for the elderly. And when he can, Marge says, *"Ernie is hanging around the airport and flies when he has the opportunity."* [erniec235@aol.com]

FOREIGN RELATIONS - Ambassador John Shirley, '49, came to visit the campus last Fall accompanied by family members from Scotland: his daughter, Jeanie, and grandchildren Daniel, Francesca and Olivia.

1949
(FRANK SPENCER)

Louie Philhower was a senior vice president with Paine Webber and lives in Macon, GA. His senior year, he was Captain of Headquarters Company. He played on AMA's National Championship football team and was on the swimming and track teams.

Don Johns lives in Williston, FL. He also was on the National Champion football team, played basketball and baseball, and ran track and was on the swim team.

Frank Spencer and Ida are settled into their new home in Waynesboro having moved over the mountain from Charlottesville. Frank, a VMI man, is Chaplain for the AMA Alumni Association and a faithful volunteer at the AMA Museum. [2frankspencer@myway.com]

Jim Sylvanus has checked in with his new e-mail address. [slyfox@comcast.net]

Ed Chauncey is still recovering from a stress fracture in his leg and has had his activities severely limited in the meantime. He and Bobby live in Culpeper. [sumhill@starpower.net]

Jim Sylvanus reports a new e-mail address. [sylfoxAcomcast.net]

Richard McLaughlin has moved into the Baldwin Park Retirement Center in Staunton.

1950
(JIM LUPTON)

Tommy Clements came all the way from Jackson, Mississippi to volunteer at the AMA Museum for a weekend. While in town, he had dinner with two former CWs: **Clyde Ramsey, `49**, and **Frank Spencer, `49**. [tclements7@comcast.net]

1952
(JIM WHITE)

Roger Messick and Jean spent ten days in France this past Fall including four days in Paris and a river cruise to LeHarve and Normandy. [trmessup@aol.com]

Dr. Bill Ragland is President of Zagreb Biotek d.o.o. Supetar, Croatia. He says, *"The sick chicken business is chugging along."* Bill, a professor emeritus from the University of Georgia, is an expert in poultry diseases and their cures. [wragland@uga.edu]

1953
(LEW MUNDIN)

Lee Trinkle is an ordained pastor and a finance and investments manager in Birmingham. He's a graduate of both the Fuller Theological Seminary and Virginia Tech. [LTrinkle@aol.com]

Manuel Balbis has been since 1995 an instructor in the Graduate Business Management Course for the University of Phoenix on-line and at the Fort Lauderdale extension campuses. *"I am having so much fun that I feel bad that they are paying me,"* he says. Elsewhere in this issue is a photo of the proud grandpa with his sole male descendant. [mbalbis@aol.com]

Tommy Simmons sold his parts business in Staunton a few years back and is now associated with Virginia Grinding and Sharpening, also in Staunton. **Virginia** and **Harold Hallock** are his neighbors in West Augusta.

Lew Mundin is on the Outreach and Cooking Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church in Richmond. He plans to volunteer at the polls this

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coming November.
[LMundin@aol.com]

Bob Lowenbach is retired and lives with his wife, Betty, in Leesburg, VA. They have three children: Rob, Laura and Matt, and four grandchildren. Bob was the Captain of Headquarters Company his senior year.

1954
(KEN HOKE)

Don Quigg was lieutenant of the second platoon, Band Company. He went home for Christmas in 1954 and did not return, instead graduating with the 1955 class at Washington and Lee High in Arlington. Don founded and ran Quigg Electric in Winter Park, FL for many years before moving to Atlanta. He sold that company when his MS took a turn for the worse and since has been writing a book. *Angel DeSalvo* will be published shortly and can be viewed on Amazon.com.
[dquigg@bellsouth.net]

Guy Townsend and Emilie live in Manquin, VA. He says, *"We are supposed to be retired but you wouldn't know that looking at our calendars."* Thanks for the generous contribution, Guy!
[wguyemilie@wildblue.net]

Frank Suter and Alice Faye live in Conyers, GA where he is in the equipment sales division of P&B Sales and Service. He belongs to both the Georgia and Virginia dairy, food and beverage associations. Frankie went to AMA for seven years and was Band Company Commander for two years.

1955
(NONE)

Jack Meier and his wife live in Winona Lake, IN and plan to come back for Reunion 2008.

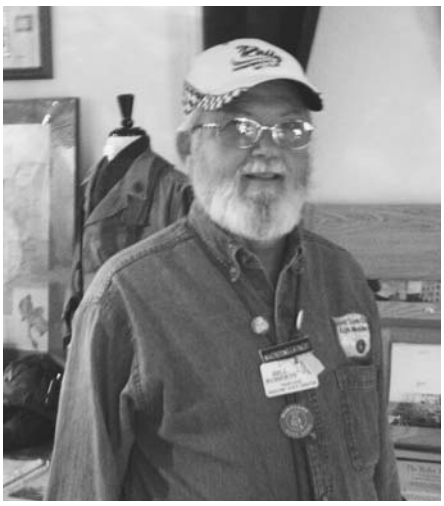
Bill Johnson lives, appropriately, on Bill Johnson Road in Jackson, NC. He farms and works every day. Son Ran has a landscape business in Raleigh, daughter Martha is a doctor in Rocky Mount, NC, stepson Gil runs a deer and turkey hunting operation on the farm, stepdaughter Louise lives in Peach Tree City, GA. Altogether, Bill has nine grandchildren.

1956
(NONE)

Sergio Fernandez has moved from Westwood, NJ to Ramsey, NJ.
[sfsr@verizon.net]

1957
(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)

Walter Rogers lives in Valkaria, just north of Sebastian, FL. He has lived there since the `70's involved in the construction business.
[rogerrino@cfl.rr.com]



ROBERTS RULES - Bill Roberts, '59, on a recent visit to the AMA Museum.

Goodloe Saunders is one of AMA's most ardent advocates. In addition to being a director of the AMA Alumni Association, he is a trustee for the AMA Alumni Foundation. Plus you can find him at the museum taking his turn as docent almost every week. Thanks, Goodloe!

1958
(DUKE FANCHER)

Hugh Harmon is enjoying life in Leesburg and wondering if there will ever be another Ad Astra reunion.

Ed Trout is a retired historian with the National Park Service.

1959
(DAVE CONRAD & LLOYD EASTLACK)

Dr. Mike Wiese is a retired neurosurgeon in Washington State. He and his wife, Susie, have seven children including twins. A lieutenant colonel in the US Army Medical Corps he did his residency in neurosurgery at Walter Reed. He was in the private practice of neurosurgery from 1967 until 2003.
[wiesefamily3@comcast.net]

Bill Blakely lives in Flat Rock, NC and says he has another grandchild, Jack. Congratulations, Bill!
[blakelywm@bellsouth.net]

Walter Anderson lives in Richmond with his wife, Brenda, and is retired from Wachovia Securities.
[walteranderson@hotmail.com]

1961
(JACK STEELE)

Jim Crawford is enjoying retirement in Atlanta. He and Betty have four children: Pamela, Michael, Austin and Michelle, and three grandchildren. Jim is a retired Marine Corps full colonel and served in Vietnam.
[jfcrawford@mac.com]

1962
(BOB GEBEAUX & BOB RIDGEWAY)

Bill Keller, VP of Annuity Product Strategy for AIF Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company, now has nine grandchildren. *"I am thinking about starting a baseball team,"* he says.
[bajkeller@yahoo.com]

Bob Tiller and Linda live in Achilles, VA where he has a water purification business. He served in the Navy.

Tom Douglas manages more than 60 active Baltimore City police and assigns them to different shifts at Johns Hopkins. Tom also does the planning and research for campus safety, writes and administers grants and oversees the administrative office for campus safety and security. He had a hip replacement in early 2007 and a knee replacement at Johns

Hopkins in December. The Douglases will celebrate their 25th anniversary in May.

[kinsale333@aol.com]

1963
(MIKE BASTO)

Bob Hume is now a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. It is Bob who every year provides reunion goers with one of his luxury motor coaches to take a Friday tour of nearby points of interest. This year, the trip is to Lewisburg, WV and the Greenbrier Hotel with its famous Cold War Bunker. We can never thank you enough, Bob. Bob says that being an Ad Astra *"will probably go down as my greatest honor."*

[tmates@tmates.com]

1964
(DAVE HOLSINGER & PHIL MATTSON)

Gary Shepard coaches high school sports and is an elementary school guidance teacher in Clifton Forge, VA. He received a BS degree from Texas Christian University.

[gls1449@aol.com]

Randy Rodgers owns Hayes Auto and Truck Sales in Hayes, VA. He lives in Gloucester Point and was for a time a U.S. Marshal, an insurance agent and manager of an F. W. Woolworth Store.

Ed Sherman, an attorney in New Orleans, visited the AMA Museum in October.

[edsherman@edsherman.org]

1965
(NONE)

Ben Beard just finished a five month assignment in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands assisting the U.S. Attorney there with some drug cases. Ben is Assistant U.S. Attorney in Pensacola.

1966
(NONE)

Dave Carissimi reports it to say that he has a few more extra pounds and a few more grey hairs. He lives in Creve Coeur, MO.

[dcarissimi@sbcglobal.net]

Jim Tessada is General Manager of the Kjaer Group, an automotive solutions provider to the international aid and development sector. From 1976 through 2005, he was a sales and marketing executive for Ford Motor Company with assignments in the Far East and Latin America. Jim and Ellen live in Rochester Hills, MI.

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IS THAT THE GYM? - Richard Johns, '62, with Sergeant Don Studer in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

1967
(MAC McINNIS)

Charlie Smith is Vice President of the United Parcel Service (UPS) Air Group and Transportation Security. He and Sue have been married for 26 years. They have a one year old grandson and another grandchild is due in April.

[bsmith2@ups.com]

John Botcheller and Nancy live in Seoul, Korea where he is the Chief Financial Officer and the Managing Director of Citibank Korea.

[john.j.botcheller@citi.com]

Rick Smail had a severe medical problem in late 2007 including cancer surgery, but all is well now. See the complete story on page 10.

[ricksmail@earthlink.net]

Rafael Salazar owns a limousine company in Marin County just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. *"We have Silver Cloud Bentleys and Rolls Royces from the '50s and '60s,"* he says. *"We pick up from the San Francisco and Oakland Airports and offer personalized tours of the Wine Country."* Rafael promises a donation of 20 per cent of any transaction by an AMA alumnus.

[sauslimos@comcast.net]

John Rock has sold his hardware business in Roseville, CA and will run a construction company in Southern California. *"But for now,"* he says, *"I won't move permanently to LA."*

[jrocket1@ix.nertcom.com]

Brock Wagner owns Twigs, the finest choice in Naples, FL for flowers, gifts, orchids and home accessories since 1988. At AMA for five years, Brock was XO his senior year.

[BVWagner@bellsouth.net]

1968
(GORDON METZ)

Jackson Prentice has been in the real estate business for more than 30 years in Washington, DC. Jackson was editor of the 1967 *Recall* which was judged the best yearbook in the entire country.

[jbprentice@aol.com]

1970
(JORGE ROVIROSA & BILLY PARKINS)

Dalton Williford is owner of a construction company in Chesapeake, VA, a business he has operated for 26 years. He would like to hear from others who were at AMA when he attended. Dalton and Carroll have three daughters and a granddaughter.

[cwilliford@nps.k12.va.us]

Steve Trent is the President of Grimsley's House of Tools, a company selling specialty equipment to reface

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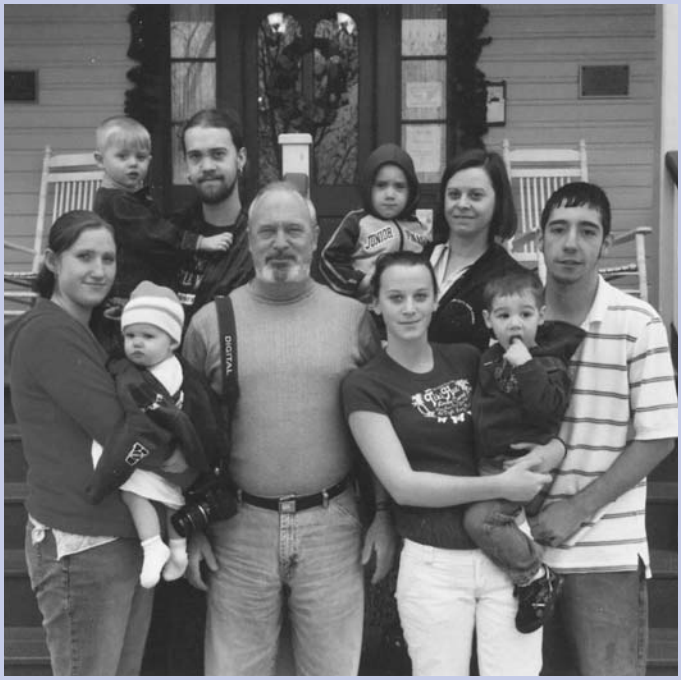
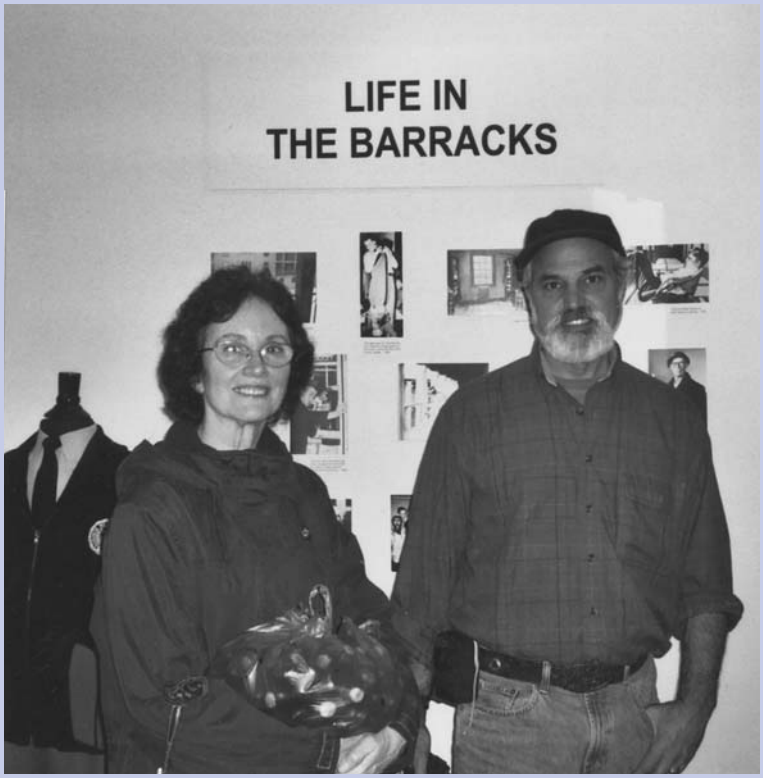


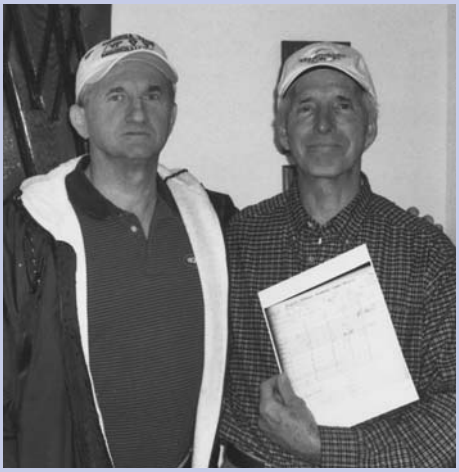
Fred Wright, '68, his wife, Rose, son Fred, Jr. and his wife Whitney, daughter Kristen and her boyfriend, and four grandchildren: Fred, Donovan, Olivia and Jerry. Fred's from Mount Vernon, Ohio.



Don Moushegian, '65, and his wife in the museum. They live in Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gebeaux, '62.

Joe Saunders, '60, and Brenda visit from Smithfield.



Ken Fox, '59, and his son live in Maryland.

Richard Green, '63, came back all the way from Washington State.

Dave Hope, '67, lives in Richmond.

William Roberts, '59, and his friend from Aberdeen, Maryland.

high pressure steam valves and pipe cutting equipment for closed areas. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Suffolk where Steve is Chairman of the Suffolk County GOP.
[grimsley@mindspring.com]

Jorge Rovirosa says that **Bruce Orenstein, `69**, came to Miami and that they took *"the southernmost ride of the Roller Riders to Key West on Route One (the Overseas Highway)."* After Bruce rented a Harley Ultra in Key Largo, they had *"a great ride with warm sunny skies and brisk ocean breezes."* They had hoped to see **Bruce Reyngoudt, `70**, in Summerland Key but Bruce, a professional diver, was in Cartagena, Columbia helping to set up a marine sanctuary. Jorge and Bruce sent some photos but the photographer forgot that the sun is supposed to be behind you, not behind the people you are photographing.
[Jorovi@Farovi.com]

FAMILY AFFAIR - Betty and Jim Crawford, '61, and their family Christmas card. Jim was First Captain at AMA and retired this past year.

1971
(GARRY GRANGER)

Joe Goldberg operates a family owned lawn and tree business in Ellicott City, MD. He has five grandchildren and has been married to Trisha for five years.
[joeg1932@yahoo.com]

Ron "Scootch" Melcher and Jan live in Cleveland where he is Regional Sales Manager for DADCO, Inc. He was best company commander in 1969-70 and Battalion Commander in 1970-71. [r.melcher@sbcglobal.net]

Willis Walker will have worked at the Norfolk Shipyard for 40 years on 8 July. [willis.walker@navy.mil]

1972
(LEWIE KENNETT)

Doug Driscoll owns an ad agency and publishes a weekly entertainment newspaper serving 11 counties in northeast Indiana.
[Doug@whatzup.com]

CPO Sam Wysong writes us from Riviera Beach, FL that he is missing the Navy *"way too much."* Sam is now a senior logistics engineer at Lockheed Martin MS2, Undersea and Security Systems at Stuart, FL.
[sww4@comcast.net]

Don Malnati's construction company just finished its largest project ever: the Turkish Ambassador's residence in Washington, DC for which they received the DC Mayoral Award for Historical Preservation. Read about it on their website: renunlimited.com. About 18 months ago, Don started fencing saber at a club in Bethesda, MD. *"It took me some time, but I worked up to competing and hope to get letter rated soon,"* he says. *"However, I have now gotten tendonitis in my elbow which is slowing me down. It is a great sport which I learned originally at AMA."*

Mark Femrite, former First Captain, is a retired independent insurance agent and he has a home improvement business. Mark is a Civil War reenactor which explains his beard. Mark and Sherri live in Riner near Blacksburg.
[mfemrire@swva.net]

P. J. Thomson teaches at a high school in Stephens City, VA where he lives with his wife, Sara, and son Clark.

1973
(JIM ATCHISON & JOE GARRY)

Roberto Mena lives in Guatemala but keeps an address in the U. S.: Box 3952, 8424 NW 56th Street, Miami, FL 33166.
[menaroberto@gmail.com]

David Zook is back at the Pentagon after having spent twelve years in Germany. The Zooks live in Herndon, VA not very far from The Pentagon.

Carl Kellogg is living in Smithfield, VA with his wife, Nonie. They have a daughter.

1976
(JIM MITCHELL)

Dave Langley lives in Chambersburg, PA where he teaches life and success skills to juvenile offenders living in a residential treatment program. He is an ordained minister in the Good Shepherd International Fellowship.
[davidwlangley@gmail.com]

1977
(SHAWN OGIMACHI)

George Mineff and Victoria live in Rocky River, OH where he is an attorney. They plan to be back for the reunion this April.

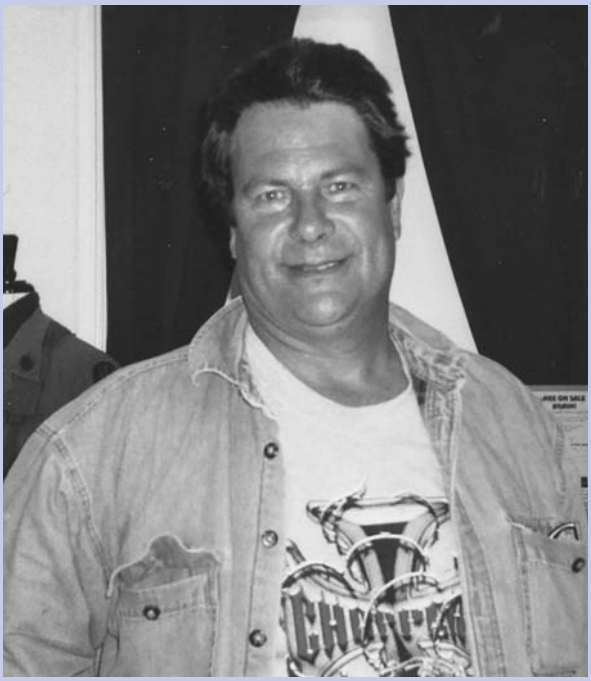
1980
(KEITH TRAYLOR)

Vito Fotunato is looking for his friend **George Chulia, `81**, who lives in Venezuela. We print herewith Vito and George's e-mail addresses so they can contact each other. Vito hopes to be back for the reunion in April.
[Vito: Vito.Fortunato@ci.austin.tx.us]
[George: chuliaj@hotmail.com]

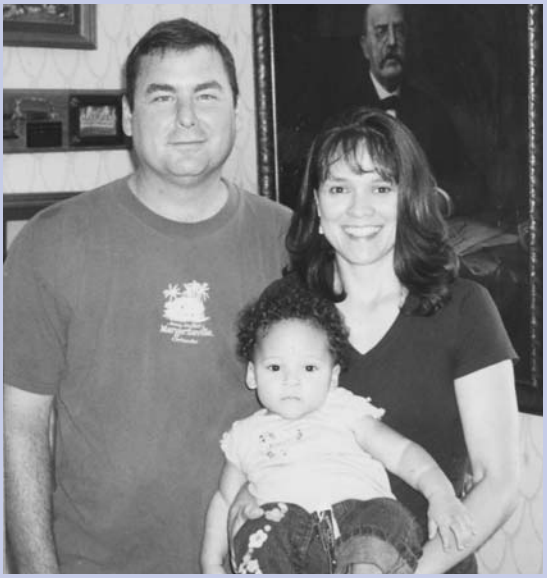
1981
(TODD LIVICK)

Todd Livick retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of lieutenant colonel and now works for Computer Sciences Corporation at Crystal City near the Pentagon. The Livicks live in Burke, VA and did not have to move when Todd doffed his uniform for civies.

Names in parentheses under each year indicate the Class Agent for that year



Bob Buettner, ‘74, lives in Rawson, West Virginia and popped over the mountains to visit the campus.



Michael Hall, ‘76, his wife, Michelle and little Emily visit the museum from Arnold, Maryland.

Dan Resnick, ‘74, attended Augusta for three years. He lives in Key Largo, Florida.

Juan Torres Polanco, ‘80, on his first visit back since he left 27 years ago. He returned with his wife, his daughters and a grandson from his home in Granada Hills, California. When he was at AMA, he lived in El Salvador.

Jim Jordan, ‘70, visited from Williston, Florida.

Dr. Bob Lappin, ‘46, and his friend Andrea Taderwier, stopped by on their way to Florida.

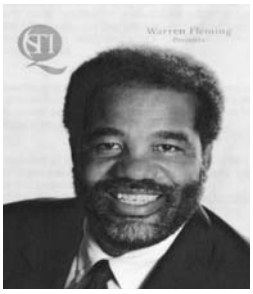
Tom Hart, ‘65, from Crimora.

Left, Bill Tinder, ‘46, with Kit Carter and Phyllis Losin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sylvanus, ‘49, from Grasonville, Maryland.

Fleming, '72, earns Minority Business Enterprise Award

The University of Maryland, the Maryland Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce chose **Warren Fleming, `72**, for one of the Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise Awards. Fleming, the President and the CEO of Quality Solution Technologies, Inc. accepted the honor at the University of Maryland College in Adelphi in November.



Warren Fleming, 1972 *Recall*

The program salutes the region's best minority and women business owners to highlight their achievements.

The selections were made from 350,000 who were eligible.

Class of '65 ring found

Police in Prince Frederick, Maryland have recovered a 1965 AMA class ring. Detective Cari Ray says that the ring was found in Lusby, Maryland *"and we believe the owner of the ring either was the victim of a home burglary or that someone broke into his vehicle."*

If you have information about this ring, you can contact Detective Ray at 410/535-2800, X2595. Cell number: 443/ 624-3160. Her office is located at 30 Church Street in Prince Frederick. E-mail: hallcs@co.cal.md.us

Great Christmas gift!

Frank Spencer, '49, received a Christmas gift from his son that he really appreciated.

Frank is a loyal volunteer at the AMA Museum and knowing this, Tom Spencer donated $50 to the AMA Alumni Foundation in his Dad's honor as his 2007 Christmas gift.

You're bringing him up right, Frank! Congratulations!

BRCC thanks AMA and Clyde Ramsey

Clyde Ramsey, `49, created a scholarship program at the Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) in honor of his late wife **Jeanne Morrissette Ramsey**, a program which is being run through the AMA Alumni Foundation. Ten students have received awards and a luncheon on 14 March will bring together the scholarship winners and representatives from Augusta.

In all, $1,800 has been awarded to the following BRCC students: Tyler Grossman of Staunton, $500, Brigitte Kirtland of Staunton, $500, Angela Coffman of Staunton, $100, Emily Davies of Waynesboro, $100, Dalton Hege of Waynesboro, $100, Matthew Hull of Waynesboro, $100, Rebecca Peters of Crimora, $100, Bethany Shank of Mt. Solon, $100, Cody Shifflet of Weyers Cave, $100, and Kenneth Via of Craigsville, $100. Each of the students has sent a" thank you" note to AMA.

Frank Williamson, `60, Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation, said, *"We are always thanking Clyde for his thoughtful contributions to AMA's legacy. This unique way of simultaneously honoring his wife and AMA is typical of this good friend."*

Class of '58 Who's Who

The best athlete of 1958 was **Clay Johnson**. **Andy Akerman** was most likely to succeed. And **Hugh Harmon** was best O. D. So said the 1958 yearbook. The Class of `58 will have its 50th anniversary reunion this year.

In the annual cadet poll, **Duke Fancher** was selected as having done most for the school followed by **Mike Snell** while Snell was voted as having the most school spirit followed by Fancher. The most military cadet in 1958 was **Ed Trout** with **Caesar Bosselli** being named wittiest cadet followed by **Dave Conrad**. **Alfredo Garcia** was the best student while Fancher was the most polite. Harmon was voted the best natured cadet as well as most popular. The biggest ladies' man was **Bob Carson** who was also the best looking AMA man.

Rick Smail, '67, is temporarily grounded

He retired as a captain on Delta Airlines, then signed on as a co-pilot on SkyWest so that he could fly with his son, Zach, a SkyWest pilot, but a health problem temporarily grounded him. **Rick Smail, `67,** newly elected to the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, spent the summer with a non-specific abdominal pain.

In September, Rick, **Tom DelValle, `73, Garry Granger, `71**, and **Doug Pennock, `72**, went on a ten day bike ride. (*Fall 2007, p. 41)* The pain got worse and Rich thought he had a hernia. A visit to his doctor back in Utah confirmed the self diagnosis, but when Rick saw the doctor who was to operate, the surgeon could not find a hernia. Instead, tests showed a tumor on Rick's kidney and later tests showed it to be malignant. *"Not exactly what a 58 year old man who thought of himself as being in good health expected to hear,"* says Rick.

Rick had surgery on 12 November. The good news is that the cancer was detected early and most of the kidney could be saved. The pathology report came back saying that 100 per cent of the tissue surrounding the malignancy was cancer free.

Rick and Mary Ann decided that it would be a good time to get away to let Rick convalesce under a Caribbean sun. Three weeks after his surgery – with four friends who volunteered to crew – Rick and Mary Ann were visiting Antigua, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Barts and St. Martin in spite of the uncooperative weather. *"A tropical depression developed so smooth sailing was out and yahoo sailing was in,"* Rick says. They ended up tucked away in a beautiful anchorage on St. Kitts *"and that turned out to be our favorite day,"* says Rick. *"On St. Martin, we had dinner in a floating restaurant. It was raining so hard that the waitress wore foul weather gear even though we were under cover."*

Rick has to submit medical records to the FAA before he can fly again and that already is in process.

And the trip to the Caribbean? *"Just what the doctor ordered!,"* says a grateful Rick Smail.

Pulitzer Prize nominee Jerry Izenberg, `48, to speak at AMA Sports Hall of Fame induction

Jerry Izenberg from the Class of 1948 will be on hand at Reunion 2008 to help inaugurate the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. Jerry has been a sports writer and columnist for 55 years during which time he has been nominated four times for a Pulitzer Prize. His complete biography can be found on page 22. Welcome back to AMA, Jerry. We have been missing you.

Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75, will march with the Roller Rifles

Pictured at left is **BG Larry Nicholson** who has announced that he will march in the ranks of the Roller Rifles when they perform at Reunion 2008. WOW! Story on page 19.

Reunion 2008 – Thursday, Friday, Saturday 24-25-26 April

CASINO NIGHT IS BACK!

More prizes! Bigger prizes!

More tables! Much more fun!

Read all about it inside!

A Civil War encampment will be set up in Lily Valley and after lunch on Saturday, there will be a Confederate CANNONADE on the Drill Field. You don't want to miss this!

Would you like to stay on the AMA campus for Reunion 2008?

A few rooms are available in Davis Hall (which used to be Junior Barracks) between the Museum and the Big Room. Interested? If so call 540/248-3007 for more information.

VISIT THE BUNKER AT THE GREENBRIER

The Friday Luxury Motorcoach Tour will be to "The Bunker" at the famous Greenbrier Hotel in Lewisburg, West Virginia, the underground complex where Congress would have assembled in case of a nuclear attack. After the tour, lunch will be served in the Sam Snead Grill at the Greenbrier.

While the lunch costs $30 per person and entrance to The Bunker is also $30, the first 50 to sign up will pay only $39 per person for everything! "How can this be?," you ask. Three great AMA friends are making this possible. Gaye and Bob Hume, '63, are donating the motorcoach and Clyde Ramsey, '49, is donating $30 for each of the 50 people on the trip! More on page 13.

Four $3,000 scholarships awarded at Reunion 2008

Four AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth $3,000, will be awarded at the reunion awards banquet on Friday night. Three awards will go to young people with high scholastic achievement and one will be given based on leadership abilities. Deadline for submiting an application: 22 March 2008. More on page 15.

Tower of Power only on Friday night

Your opportunity to win a wonderful bottle of Virginia Gentleman will be limited to Friday night this year. Be on the lookout for ticket sellers on Friday! And look for the Tower which contains the bottle for the last two alumni left standing!

Roller Society Memorial Garden to be dedicated

Just before lunch on Saturday in front of the AMA Museum, a paver garden will be dedicated to members of the Roller Society who have passed away. Members of the Roller Society agree to leave something to the AMA Alumni Foundation when they die. A moving ceremony to honor these dear people will take but a few minutes. Please be there.

Reunion 2008 Schedule - Honoring the first AMA Sports Hall of Fame inductees

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

10 AM - 4 PM . . . . . Alumni House/Museum open
PX open at the museum

Noon - 4 PM . Early bird registration
Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room open

Noon - 1 PM . . . . Casual tee times
Location to be announced

5:00 - 7:00 PM . Early arrival cocktails
with heavy hors d'oeuvres
Attire: coat and tie
Staunton Country Club

All evening . . Hospitality room open
Holiday Inn
Tower of Power opportunities

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

8:00 AM . . . . . Motorcoach tour to
The Bunker at the Greenbrier
Meet in parking lot nearest
the PX at the Holiday Inn
Motorcoach courtesy of
Gaye and Bob Hume, `63
Lunch courtesy of **Clyde Ramsey, `49**
Hosted by
Bev and Frank Williamson, `60

8:30 AM . . . Golfers register, photos
Staunton Country Club

9:00 AM . AMA Open Golf Tournament
Staunton Country Club
Contact: **Mickey Toms, `67**
[cmtoms@earthlink.net]

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM . . . Registration
Hospitality Tent and PX open
Silent Auction begins
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

4:30 PM . . Motorcoach tour returns

All evening . . . . . Tower of Power opportunities

5:45 PM . . . . . AMA Reception
Cash bar/Hospitality Tent
Registration room closes

6:45 PM . . . . . Honor Class photos
Hospitality Tent

7:00 PM . . . . AMA Awards Banquet
Attire: coat and tie
Holiday Inn Ballrooms
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
Honor Classes
Special Presentations

9:00 PM . . . . Hospitality Room and
Hospitality Tent reopen
PX reopens
Silent Auction continues

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

7:30 AM . Coffee, juice and pastries
at the AMA Alumni Association
Annual Membership Meeting Room
Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM . . . Final registration
outside Directors meeting room

8:30 AM . Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM . . . . . Alumni House/Museum open
Display of military equipment
Courtesy of **Rich Van Breedon**
AMA Blacktop

Visit the Confederate Encampment
in Lily Valley

11:00 AM . Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery
honoring the Women of AMA

Alumni who have passed on since
Reunion 2007 will be remembered
Stonewall Jackson Brass Ensemble
Colors provided by former
AMA Cadet Color Guard
Taps by **Phil Myers, `71**

11:45 AM . Dedication of Roller Society
Memorial Paver Garden in front of
AMA Alumni House/Museum

12:15 PM . Soupie by **Phil Myers, `71**
Lunch, AMA Gymnasium
Colors: Former AMA Color Guard

Jerry Izenberg, `48, lunch speaker:
AMA Sports Hall of Fame inductees

Honors to AMA Alumni who died
in the Korean and Vietnam Wars

White Table Ceremony

Immediately following lunch,
proceed to the Parade Ground
for Civil War cannonade

Drill exhibitions by
Massanutten Military Academy
and the **Roller Rifles**

Immediately following exhibitions,
Knock Out Drill led by
Sergeant Major Helms of MMA

Alumni House/Museum will be open
until 4:30 PM

3:00 PM . . . . . Sporting clays shoot
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact **Blaine Clarke, `72**
[nuroses53@aol.com]

5:30 PM . . . . . Cash bar, Holiday Inn hallway
Class meeting and class photos

Final hours for Silent Auction bids!

6:00 PM . . . . . Dinner
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

7:00 PM . . **CASINO NIGHT** with all
profits to the AMA Alumni Foundation

8:30 PM . . . . . Silent Auction closes

9:15 PM . . . . . Silent Auction
winning bidders announced

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

9:00 AM . . Alumni Fellowship Buffet
Coach **Bill Ralph**
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

Noon - Roller Riders
depart from in front
of Big Barracks

At the Greenbrier Hotel

Visit to "The Bunker" planned at Reunion 2008

On 12 December 1958, at the height of the Cold War, an article in a West Virginia newspaper stated that the *"Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad announced plans today for the construction of an Exhibit Hall adjacent to the auditorium at the Greenbrier Hotel."* Little did the readers know that this announcement signaled the start of 35 years of deception and intrigue deep in the West Virginia mountains.

Those on the AMA Tour to visit the bunker will have lunch in the Sam Snead Lounge at The Greenbrier, one of the nation's top resort hotels. The lunch alone is $30 per person and the entrance to The Bunker is also $30. But AMA friend Clyde Ramsey, '49, has stepped in to contribute $30 per person so we can hold down the price. Gaye and Bob Hume are donating the luxury motor coach and that brings the price of the trip down to $39 per person instead of $90 each. There is a limit of 50 people for the tour! Only the first 50 to sign up will take the tour. Thanks, Clyde! Thanks, Gaye! Thanks, Bob!

This is where Congress could have convened to conduct the affairs of government from a secure location. The Bunker was right under the feet of unsuspecting hotel guests who went about their business above this underground room.

During the Eisenhower Administration, the decision was made to create a safe place to house the U.S. Senate and the House in case of a nuclear attack. The story in the newspaper was cover for the undertaking known as "Project Greek Island" and remains a sobering reminder of how America lived with and prepared for a Soviet nuclear attack in the late `50's and early `60's.

The 112,544 square foot bunker built 720 feet into the hillside under The Greenbrier's West Virginia wing was kept in a constant state of readiness by a small number of government employees who were on The Greenbrier payroll as "audio/ visual experts."

On Friday 25 April 2008, a luxury motorcoach will carry 50 AMA alumni and friends from Reunion 2008 across the West Virginia line to tour this unbelievable project whose location remained a secret until a Washington *Post* story revealed it.

A 25-ton blast door leads underground to The Bunker. The massive door can be opened with just 50 pounds of pressure.

One of the bunker shafts to the outside world. Sticking up is a probe that would test for radioactivity or other harmful elements in the air.

The bunker provided four entrances, three to the grounds of the hotel and one into the hotel itself, each protected by 25-ton blast doors that can open with just 50 pounds of pressure. There are 18 dormitories able to house 1,100 people, decontamination chambers, a power plant, water purification equipment, 42,000 gallons of diesel fuel, a clinic with twelve beds plus medical and dental operating rooms, labs, a cafeteria and meeting rooms for both Houses of the Congress plus plenty of supplies to endure a very long stay underground waiting for radiation levels to fall. After the *Post* article in 1992, the government ended its lease agreement with the hotel and the resort began to offer public tours in 1995. ✪ ✪ ✪

*Thanks to **Frank Williamson, '60** for making all these arrangements.*

What do you have for the 2008 SILENT AUCTION?

Already, we have in the auction two First Class and two coach tickets on AmericanAirlines® courtesy of Tom DelValle, `73

Every AMA Reunion gives attendees an opportunity to buy some spectacular things at reasonable prices. And since all of the items for sale are donated, **all of the money collected goes directly to AMA!**

So, what do you have in your basement, garage, or your closet that you were going to sell "one of these days?" How about donating such things to the AMA Silent Auction **for which you can take a tax deduction.** Some items will be priced and put in the PX for sale.

The Silent Auction Chairman is **Dave Conrad, `59,** who does an outstanding job every single year. Please tell Dave or anyone at the AMA Museum that you will be bringing a special item or items to the auction, and we'll be on the lookout for it or them. Call Dave at 434/735-8414 or the museum at 540/248-3007.

Whether or not you have something to donate, make it a point to bid on the great items you will see at the reunion! The Silent Auction items will be on display in the Banquet Room at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center both Friday and Saturday evenings.

The auction **will end precisely at 8:30 PM on Saturday 26 April.**

REGISTER EARLY AND YOU'LL SAVE!

You can save on your registration and meal functions by registering

BEFORE 15 APRIL 2008

See complete details on the enclosed blue registration form

Don't be disappointed! Make your hotel reservations NOW for Reunion 2008!

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
$84 a night + tax
1/800/932-9061
or 540/248-6021

OFFICIAL HOTEL
Quality Inn
$61 + tax
540/248-5111

The two hotels listed above are at Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275. Most functions will be at the Holiday Inn.

OTHER STAUNTON HOTELS

Comfort Inn
1302 Richmond Avenue
$85 + tax
540/886-5000

Microtel Inn
200 Frontier Drive
$54 + tax Thursday night
$59 + tax Friday-Saturday
540/887-0200

Guesthouse Inn
42 Sangers Lane
$62.99 + tax
540/885-3117

Best Western
92 Rowe Road
$79.99 + tax **(new lower price!)**
540/885-1112

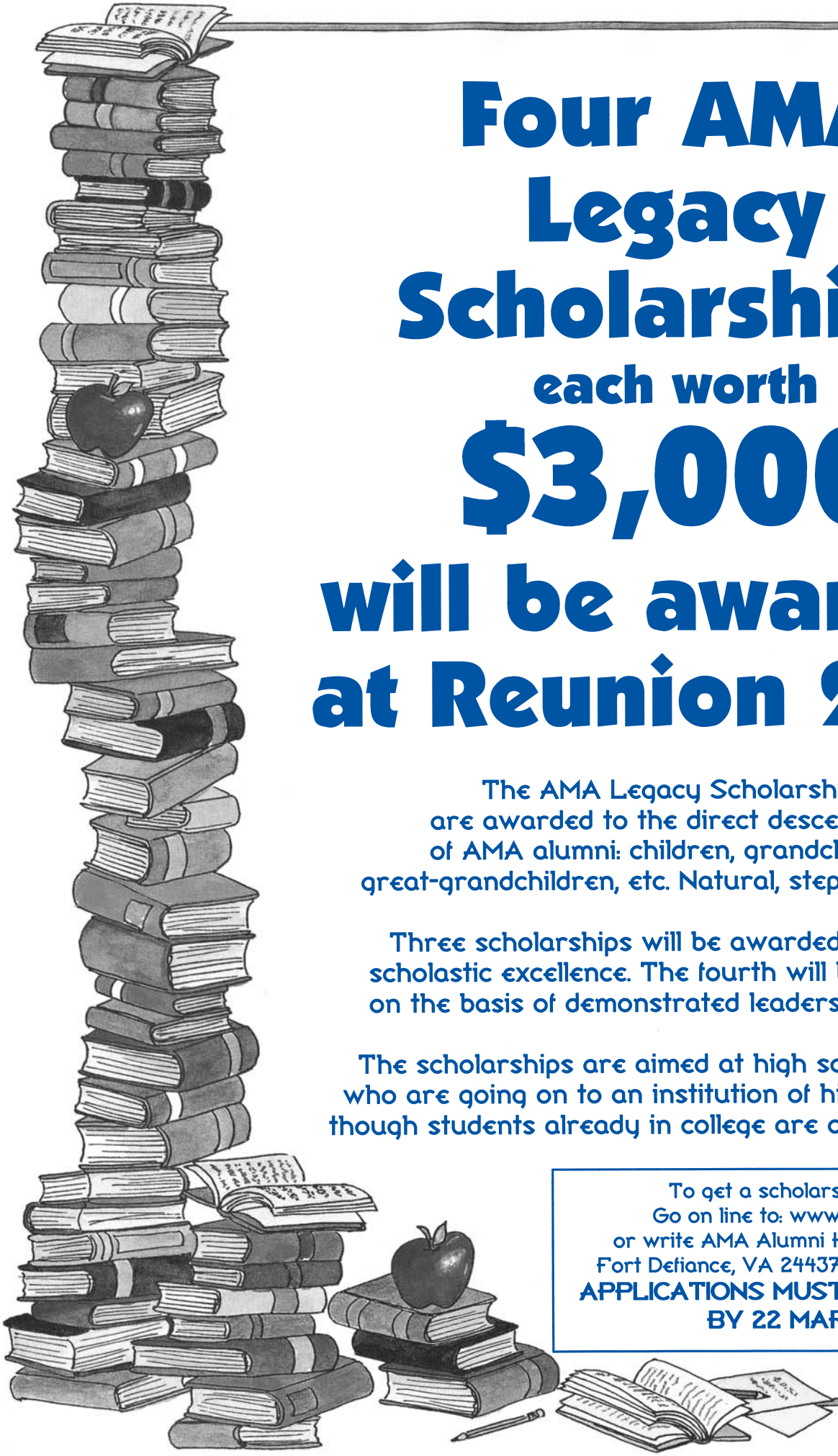
HARRISONBURG

Best Western
I-81 at Exit 247A
$59 + tax
540/433-6089

Courtyard by Marriott
I-81 at Exit 247A
$109 + tax
540/433-3031

REUNION 2008 LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The AMA Alumni Association does NOT make hotel reservations! Make your hotel reservations early, and be sure to send in the BLUE reunion registration form.



Four AMA Legacy Scholarships

each worth

$3,000

will be awarded at Reunion 2008

The AMA Legacy Scholarships are awarded to the direct descendants of AMA alumni: children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. Natural, step or adopted.

Three scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic excellence. The fourth will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated leadership abilities.

The scholarships are aimed at high school seniors who are going on to an institution of higher learning though students already in college are also considered.

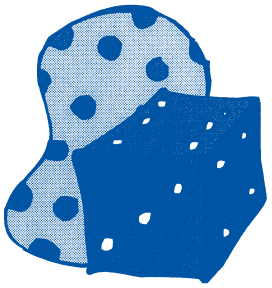
To get a scholarship application:
Go on line to: www.AMAAlumni.org,
or write AMA Alumni House, P. O. Box 100,
Fort Defiance, VA 24437. Phone 540/248-3007.
APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 22 MARCH 2008

Whether or not you are coming to Reunion 2008, you can still help AMA by making a contribution or by sponsoring a gaming table at CASINO NIGHT.

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

GAME	FULL SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR
Craps	$500	$300
Roulette	$300	$175
Black Jack	$175	$100
Texas Hold `Em	$200	$125
River City Horse Racing	$500	$300

If you sponsor a table or make a contribution, your name or your company's name will be displayed on that gaming table. The MC will recognize your company!



Please help us make this another BIG success! Please be a sponsor or contribute any amount. Make checks payable to: AMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover accepted.

Proceeds go to the AMA Alumni Foundation to support our scholarships, the AMA Museum and The Bayonet.

"You may delay, but time will not."

– *Benjamin Franklin*

One of these days, I am going to look up my old AMA roommate…

One of these years, I am coming back to Fort Defiance for a reunion.

One of these days… Time moves on and carries us along with it.

We have fewer tomorrows than we once had… fewer opportunities to look up an old friend from Augusta… less years to finally come back to a reunion.

In almost every "Letters to the Editor" section of *The Bayonet*, someone writes to say that he wished he had contacted his old friend sooner… but now it's too late.

Reconnect now… this month… this year. If you are trying to locate an old AMA buddy, maybe we can help.

Send an e-mail to: AMABayonet.com

Or write *The Bayonet*, 12 Woodside Drive, Danville, CA 94506.

You may delay… but time will not.

CASINO NIGHT 2008

A big hit at the 2007 reunion,
Casino Night is coming back
EVEN STRONGER THIS YEAR!
MORE prizes, MORE tables, MORE FUN!

If you played at Casino Night last year, you will remember how much fun it was!

This year, there will be MORE TABLES. There will be MORE PRIZES, each one worth more.

Put it all together - it spells MORE FUN!

If you don't know the rules, the pros will explain them to you and since they want you to WIN, you will not be betting against the house!

CRAPS!
ROULETTE!
BLACK JACK!
TEXAS HOLD `EM!
and a chance to win
$100 - $200 - $300
for the most chits at the end of the evening!

If you don't sign up for the Saturday night dinner, come on down at 7 PM and enjoy Casino Night. Buy a program with $10,000 in funny money plus five drawing tickets stapled inside.

Do you have friends who might like to join you? Invite them to meet you at 7 PM and play along with you!

Prizes will be on display which will be given away. There will be drawings all through the evening! The more tickets you purchase, the better chance that you'll be **A WINNER!**

Prizes worth $100 to $500!
MORE prizes worth MORE!

Sink a putt and win $10,000!
$5,000 for you, $5,000 for AMA!

CASINO NIGHT - SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2008

SIGN UP NOW FOR

THE 2008 AMA GOLF OPEN

We REALLY need <u>your</u> help in getting "goodies" for the players!

In past years, we have been able to obtain some very nice prizes for the players.

We're looking for caps, balls, golf tees, towels, umbrellas and such.

We'll also take cash!

If you can help us make the tournament a success, please get in touch with
Mickey Toms, '67
cmtoms@earthlink.net
or call the AMA Alumni House at 540/248-3007

4 person team scramble (Captain's choice)
Use every player's tee shot twice - Lowest score wins!

Proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation

Everyone welcome - men, women and teens

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd & last place! Best putt! Longest drive! Closest to the pin!

Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! $10 per Mulligan
Limit, 2 per player

FEES: $100* per person includes 18 holes, greens fees, cart, refreshments, box lunch, goody bags, prizes and a donation to AMA. * **Includes two mulligans!**

<u>STAUNTON</u> COUNTRY CLUB
Friday 25 April at 9:00 AM
Shotgun start

Deadline to enter: 15 April

THE 2008 AMA GOLF OPEN SIGN-UP

Your name _____ **Class** _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ **e-mail** _____

Handicap, or last three scores _____

☐ *I'll play with anyone* ☐ *Team me with* _____ *Class* _____

_____ *Class* _____

☐ *We have a foursome*

_____ *Class* _____ _____ *Class* _____

_____ *Class* _____ _____ *Class* _____

Make check to: **AMA Alumni Association**
Mail form to: **GOLF, c/o AMA Alumni Association**
(Photocopy OK) **P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101**

All American at Ohio State

Jim Stillwagon, `67, Chair of Hall of Fame Committee

He was Chairman of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee but he did not vote for himself. **Jim "Rosey" Stillwagon, `67**, nevertheless was selected as one of the first inductees into the Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim played great football at AMA on so-so teams. His senior year, the Blue Streaks won only one game, the traditional season ender with Fishburne. But read about all those games and Stillwagon's name comes up in every story. All-Military and All-State first team center, everyone knew Jim would shine if he could connect with a good college team.

Like Ohio State. Jim hailed from Mount Vernon, Ohio and it seemed natural for him to be a Buckeye where he became a full-scholarship three year starter. Each of those years, Ohio State won the Big Ten and in 1968 they beat Southern California (and O. J. Simpson) in the Rose Bowl (a natural place for Rosey to play!)

He was consensus All-American as a junior and was unanimous All-American as a senior, won the Outland Trophy and was the first ever winner of the Lombardi Award as college football's best lineman. He was MVP and co-captain at Ohio State in the 1970 season and has been elected to the Ohio State and College Football Halls of Fame. With Stillwagon clogging the middle of the line, Ohio State simply shut down opposing offenses. In 1969, the Buckeyes only gave up 93 points and no team scored more than 13 points against them.

In his second year at Ohio State, Jim was one of the so-called "Super Sophomores" in 1968 guiding the Buckeyes to an undefeated season and a consensus national championship. Stillwagon finished his college career with a record of 27-2, slightly better than the 1-8 team he played on his senior year at Augusta.

He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers, traded to the Redskins but turned north to Canada for his pro career. In five years in the Canadian Football League (1971-75) with the Toronto Argonauts, he was a three time All Star and runner up for the CFL's Most Outstanding Defensive Player Award in 1972. His new nickname was "Wagon."

After football, he opened a sports memorabilia business in Columbus featuring many items saluting his old coach, Woody Hayes.

At AMA, Jim was more than "just a football player." Captain of Headquarters Company, he marched in the Roller Rifles and was on the Privilege List. Jim was on the wrestling team, went out for track and played baseball.

Rosey Stillwagon (55) lowers the boom on a Massanutten runner but Augusta lost the game. Below, as punishing as he could be on a football field, he was as graceful as a running back on the dance floor.

Members of the Hall of Fame Committee

Jim Stillwagon, `67, Chairman, Colonel Mal Livick, Sergeant Joe Josephson, Sergeant Don Studer, Julian Quarles, `35, Ernest Click, `48, Roger Messick, `52, Garry Granger, `71,** and **Chris Meek, `84. Nearly 100 fellows were nominated for the Hall and 19 were selected for induction this first year. It is anticipated that fewer than that will be inducted in each future year.

Past AMA Alumni Medal winners

by class

Joseph Salicrup, `31 *
Colonel Will Parkins, `35
Julian Quarles, `35
Bill Gray, `37 *
Mickey Gordon, `39 *
V. P. Leavel, `39 *
Bobby Rhea, `47
Paul Bratton, `48 *
Ed Chauncey, `49
Jim Councill, `49
Clyde Ramsey, `49
Frank Spencer, `49
Bob Bradford, `50
Ed Click, `50
Jim Starnes, `50
Hap Starr, `51
Tommy Simmons, `52
Ronnie Mahanes, `53 *
Bob Harris, `54
Parker Ward, `54 *
Goodloe Saunders, `57
Jerry Wildman, `57
Duke Fancher, `58
Terry Snow, `58 *
Dave Conrad, `59
George Holt, `60
Frank Williamson, `60
Ben Zinkhan, `60
Bruce Nicholson, `62
Bob Hume, `63
Gordon Metz, `68
B. J. d'Orsay, `70
Gary Nicholson, `70 *
Steve Trent, `70
Steve Pearson, `72
Norvell West, `83
Chief Chester Cole
Reverend Greg Douglas
Hilton Roller Grasty *
Sergeant Joe Josephson
Sergeant Don Studer

** Deceased*

Those who won AMA Alumni Medals in the past are eligible to receive another medal. Members of the Alumni Medals Committee are NOT eligible to receive a Medal while they are serving on the committee.

The 10th anniversary of the AMA ALUMNI MEDAL

Nominations for the 2008 AMA Alumni Medal are now being solicited. This will be the tenth year that these medals have been awarded to those who have made extra-ordinary contributions to the AMA Alumni Association and/or to the AMA Alumni Foundation. Recipients will be announced at the Awards Banquet Friday evening 25 April during Reunion 2008.

Individuals nominated should have done some very special thing for Augusta or may have, with a series of smaller contributions, done great service to AMA when all those actions are totalled

AMA alumni, faculty and AMA friends are entitled to nominate deserving individuals for the honor. The medal can be awarded to an AMA alumnus, an AMA faculty or staff member or to a special friend of AMA.

The 2008 AMA Medals Committee members are:

Garry Granger, '71
Frank Williamson, '60
Goodloe Saunders, '57
Rod Willey, '51
Ed Click, '50
Don Studer
Bob Bradford, '50, Chairman

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED:

FRIDAY 28 MARCH

Nominations should be submitted to:

AMA Medal, AMA Alumni Association
Post Office Box 101
Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

FAX to: 540/248-4533

E-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

Roller Society Memorial Paver Garden will be dedicated Saturday 26 April at Reunion 2008

The Roller Society is made up of alumni, faculty and friends of Augusta Military Academy who have stated that they are leaving something to the AMA Alumni Foundation when they pass on.

On Saturday 26 April during Reunion 2008, a new Roller Society Memorial Paver Garden will be dedicated on a spot in front of the original Roller House, now the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Family members and friends of those Roller Society members who have passed away are invited to the short ceremony which begins at 11:45 AM just before the luncheon in the AMA Memorial Gymnasium.

Twelve laser cut pavers will be dedicated to the memory of **Joseph Salicrup, `31, Mickey Gordon, `39, Herb McCawley, `43, Jack Jansing, `43, Carroll Knicely, `46, Paul Bratton, `48, Dr. H. D. "Buddy" Deane, `48, Dr. John Morris, `49, Jeanne Morrissette Ramsey (Mrs. Clyde, `49), Terry Snow, `58, Gary Nicholson, `70,** and **Hilton Roller Grasty**, the daughter of **Colonel Tom Roller** and granddaughter of AMA's founder **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.**

Family members or friends will be invited to place a single rose on the paver which honors their loved one. The school bell will toll once for each paver dedicated and the bugler will sound Taps.

GARDEN SITE - The area next to the bulletin board is where the Roller Society Memorial Paver Garden will be situated. As you face the AMA Museum, this space is to the left of the horseshoe path leading to the museum's front door.

Photo by Ed Click, '50

Joe Salicrup, left, graduated in 1931 and never came back to AMA, but he left us $100,000 when he died. That was seed money for our alumni house/museum. Above, right, Hilton Roller Grasty aided AMA in her life and at her death. Left, Mickey Gordon, '39, was "Mister AMA" to every reunion newcomer. Mickey left Augusta more than $140,000 in his will. Herb McCawley, '43, right, above, marched off to war from the Augusta campus while Jack Jansing, '43, left, underwrote a room in the museum as did Carroll Knicely, '46, right. Paul Bratton, '48, left, was the First Captain at AMA and a valuable volunteer at the museum while Dr. H. D. "Buddy" Deane, '48, Colonel Deane's son, left a generous bequest to Augusta in his will, left. Pictured at the right is John Morris, '49, another former First Captain, who remembered AMA in a bequest. Jeanne M. Ramsey, left, Clyde Ramsey's beautiful wife, made provisions for a gift to AMA at her death. Terry Snow, '58, below, right, did so much to help get the AMA Museum off on the right foot while Gary Nicholson, '70, left, led the AMA Alumni Association through the exciting times when the Old Roller House was renovated.

This dedicated dozen has helped to preserve Augusta's legacy. They have helped to fund the AMA and VMI Scholarships. They have combined to give us our jewel of a museum and their gifts make it possible for you to be reading *The Bayonet.*

Plan now to attend the dedication ceremony on Saturday 26 April and please consider joining the Roller Society.

Reprinted from *The Bayonet* of Winter 2007

SPOTLIGHT on JERRY IZENBERG, `48

...on track for a Pulitzer Prize

He was in Joe Louis' living room the day he died. He posed for a photo with President Nixon before the 1969 All-Star Game. He gave the eulogy at Larry Doby's funeral and talked politics and boxing with Nelson Mandella in South Africa. He covered the Kentucky Derby, the Irish Derby, the Epsom Derby in England and the French Prix D'Amerique.

He is already in the Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame with the likes of Mel Allen, Grantland Rice and Red Smith.

He is in the National Sportswriters Hall of Fame, the New Jersey State Sports Hall of Fame and the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame, the only newspaperman elected to that hall.

He has authored eleven books (some of which are on display at the AMA Museum), and produced, written and directed 30 sports documentaries and is a regular ESPN contributor. The Associated Press presented him with the Red Smith Award for a lifetime of contributions to sports journalism.

He has had four nominations for a Pulitzer Prize but not yet a win, but a series of eight columns about his 55 years in sports may bring one soon to **Jerry Izenberg, `48**, long-time sports reporter and columnist for the Newark *Star-Ledger*.

Izenberg is clearly one of the most admired sports columnists in the country covering Muhammad Ali's fights in Zaire and Manila, the Olympics from Rome to Seoul, over 100 World Series games, 150 Triple Crown races, and is one of only four reporters to cover every Super Bowl. After this year's Super Bowl, Jerry retired from writing his daily "At Large" column which has been a staple of the *Star-Ledger* sports section since 1962. He will continue covering future Super Bowls, Triple Crown races, major fights and Rutger athletics and will write for the newspaper occasionally *"when the spirit or topic moves me."*

YOGI BERRA and Jerry Izenberg in what looks like a serious discussion. Izenberg is close friends with many famous sports figures.

Jerry Izenberg, 1948 *Recall*

When Jerry was writing sports articles for the *Bayonet* in the late 1940's, he planned to go into business administration or perhaps would become an English teacher somewhere.

***"Colonel Koogler** made Shakespeare come alive for me and after he did so, the rest was easy, even for a smart-ass like me,"* he says. *"Colonel Koogler lured me into a reading spree that ran the gamut from Sandburg to Hemingway and Faulkner before I left AMA. I didn't realize its value at the time but Koogler was the one teacher who made a difference in the quality and direction of my life, and I can never thank him enough."*

When an AMA cadet, Izenberg was the sports editor of both *The Bayonet* and *The Recall*, played JV basketball, was in the cadet orchestra, and served as a sergeant in Band Company. The 1948 class prophecy had Jerry leading a dance band as his major occupation.

When Jerry came to Augusta, he lived in Newark just down Shanley Avenue from the home of the late **Arthur "Otz" Cohen, `50**, AMA's First Captain in 1949-50. It was here that his father taught him to love baseball, looking out at the December sky which was *"dishwater gray and the huge snowflakes whipped around in circles on winds every city kid calls `The Hawk.' My old man looked into my eyes, smiled and said, `To hell with it. Come on.' We went outside. Coatless, with the wind and snowflakes in our faces, December in our lungs and my mother banging on the window to tell me I'd catch pneumonia, we played catch."* Jerry said that was his *"rite of passing. (My Dad and I) never went fishing together. We never drank beer*

much of anything. But he gave me baseball, and we were never closer than we were that day."

When he finished at AMA, Izenberg started classes at Rutgers in Newark, *"not the Rutgers of scarlet ties and black blazers and crew races along the old Raritan. I went to Rutgers-Newark where classes were held in two barely converted factories, an old brewery and a defunct razor blade maker, hard by the mud-pie brown, dioxin-laden waters of the old Passaic. My old man was as blue collar as it gets, and so I was destined to attend `The Rutgers of the People.'"*

Finishing college, he got a job as night copy editor at the *Star-Ledger* though he still had no plans to make sports writing his career. He thought he'd go off to the Korean War, then come back home to get a master's degree and teach English, *"but I got married, I needed money, kids came along and I found that I wasn't smart enough to do anything besides sports."*

Many are pleased that these necessities pushed Jerry into sports reporting since his duties to athletics and the public have been executed with extreme skill, passion and honesty. He was to meet many famous people in his 55 years of sports reporting but no one who had more effect on him than Muhammed Ali.

First to support Ali

After Ali's shaking hand lit the torch at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, he spent all the next day with Jerry. Izenberg was the first sportswriter to support Ali's decision not to fight in the Vietnam War due to his religious beliefs.

His column caused an uproar and Jerry had the windshield of his car smashed with a sledge-hammer. All through Ali's boxing career and long after, his good friend Jerry Izenberg was there for him.

Knowing that Jerry coveted a Pulitzer Prize, Ali sent him a package containing a plaque reading: *"Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. I don't care what the committee says, no committee knows more about writing than me."*

Eddie Robinson, the legendary coach at Grambling, remembers that Jerry was the first white reporter to cover Grambling football. Jerry did many stories about the superb teams that Robinson fielded and also helped to produce a film *One Hundred Yards to Glory* about the football program at Grambling. *"Our kids were not used to the kind of coverage Jerry gave them,"* said Robinson. *"He came to Grambling and became part of the program."*

Looking back on his long career, Jerry says that newspapers are the *"most obligated to report the truth. To do so, print reporters and columnists must avoid the temptation of celebrity at the cost of integrity... Once it's in print, it is there forever in your local library."*

A charge to those who follow

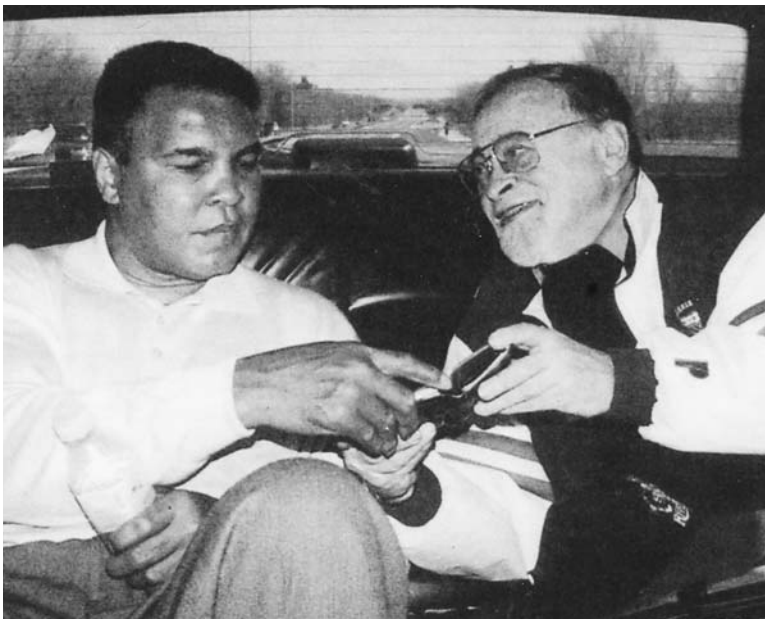
In concluding his eight part series in the *Ledger-Star*, Izenberg wrote: *"I ask my colleagues in this business to never forget their obligation to our readers and to themselves. To find out the truth and tell it. A few weeks ago, I was interviewed by telephone from Dublin for an Irish talk show, and the interviewer wanted to know about my life, the things that had shaped me and why I committed to a lot of things many sportswriters generally ignore.*

"I told him about my father, the immigrant who became an American with a single swing of a baseball bat. I told him how my father gave me the gift of a love of sports and launched me on a dream career. And then I told them about you. `We sell about 400,000 newspapers each day... more on Sunday,' I said. If one out of four readers takes the time to read what I wrote, then that gives me an extended family of 100,000. Now, when this finally ends, if I can say to myself that they came first and that I did not disappoint them – and more important, if they can say to me, `You gave us the best you had and it was good enough for us' – then for me there could be no greater prize."

Colonel Koogler surely would agree.

Izenberg, Stillwagon will induct first AMA Sports Hall of Famers

Jerry Izenberg, `48**, and Ohio State All American **Jim Stillwagon, `67, will induct into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame the first year's class of winners. At the Saturday lunch during Reunion 2008, in the AMA Gymnasium where so many exciting sports moments transpired, Pulitzer nominee Izenberg and Pro Great Stillwagon will honor those who brought sports glory to AMA and to the college and pro ranks thereafter. We are honored to have these two great alumni grace our stage and do special honor to the first AMA Hall of Famers.



Jerry and Ali have been friends for nearly 40 years. Here, Ali is looking at photos of Larry's grandchildren.

Jerry is putting the finishing touches on his latest of many books. His next project is a volume about the old Negro Baseball League and the struggle for so many Black athletes to have their chance.

Roller Rifles – Call to Arms – The Fourth and Finest

We often hear or read about the "Legacy" of Augusta Military Academy and though it certainly consists of our individual memories and is historical in nature, it is amazing when we meet at the reunion how alive these memories become – as though it was yesterday. In a sense, we are steeped in traditions that only this immediate group fully understands. It's easy to imagine that many of the reunion visitors, be it first-timers or otherwise, get a full appreciation for our experiences at Augusta when the Roller Rifles march during Saturday afternoon's festivities. Think about it for a minute: it's the one time, the one activity that gives anyone a sense of what it was like during our tenure at AMA.

The effort to recruit marchers has gone well thus far. The Color Guard and the drummers are in place and the volunteers to march with the Roller Rifles are ahead of this time last year, yet we are only halfway to what we need for a respectable unit. The goal is four (4) squads with seven (7) per squad. We currently have thirteen (13) marchers and we need fourteen (14) more.

Ron Melcher, `71**, is unable to join us this year due to a scheduling conflict, so in addition to marchers we are looking for an Executive Officer. So an appeal is being made for someone new to the Roller Rifles to assist **Doug Pennock, `72, in the leadership role. Any one of our current marchers could fill the role, but the truth is that we need to retain them in the ranks because of their continued experience over the past three years of performances.

With that in mind, here is the list of volunteers as *The Bayonet* was going to press. They will bring this year's march to life and continue the immediate "Legacy" that the Roller Rifles will provide at our reunion in April.

DRUMMERS
Thom McCabe, `71
Billy Morales, `73
Keith Traylor, `80

COLOR GUARD
Scott Rosensteen, `71
Willis Walker, `71
Blaine Clarke, `72
Richard Whitaker, `72
Brett Thompson, `75

ROLLER RIFLES
Brian Miller, `67
Rick Smail, `67
Karl Haleamau, `71
Mike Kidd, `72
Stan McDonald, `72
Lewie Kennett, `72
Steve Traylor, `72
Jim Atchison, `73
Tom DelValle, `73
Billy Sturgis, `73
John Eden, `75
Gary Gertz, `75
Larry Nicholson, `75
Chris Meek, `84

COMMANDER
Doug Pennock, `72

PHOTOGRAPHER
Bruce Strange, `72

Late entries are welcome – but you need to allow yourself time to order and receive your uniform. We will need to be prepared to furnish the cord and the beret.

If you have an inclination of interest, please let me know as soon as possible.

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REUNION 2008
LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK...
AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Fishburne announces AMA Scholarship program

Once AMA's arch rival, Fishburne Military School has announced *"a permanent and substantial scholarship program open to the male relatives of AMA alumni to experience a similar military prep school education at Fishburne."*

Brigadier General William Alexander, Fishburne's ninth superintendent, made the announcement on Veterans' Day at the Waynesboro campus, an event attended by **Colonel** and **Mrs. Mal Livick**.

The program is open to the sons, grandsons, brothers and nephews of Augusta Military Academy alumni, *"and in the spirit of brotherhood established between our two schools, is identical to the Legacy Scholarships offered to the descendants of Fishburne alumni."*

The specific dollar amount of the scholarships will be determined at the time they are granted. "*In order to take advantage of this opportunity, an AMA Legacy applicant need only identify himself as such when making a standard application to the FMS Office of Admissions,*" says a Fishburne release. Recipients, once accepted at Fishburne, will receive a yearly reduction in tuition and will immediately become eligible for additional monies based on competitive or need-based criteria such as academic, musical or athletic merit.

The Fishburne release says, *"In recognition and appreciation of the long-standing friendship and rivalry between Fishburne Military School and Augusta Military Academy, the Fishburne-Hudgins Educational Foundation, Inc., has established the AMA Legacy Scholarship program."*

Frank Williamson, `60, Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation, said, *"This is a great and humbling honor for us. Fishburne has always been 'right over there in Waynesboro' and there have been some marvelous athletic and other competitions over the years. Indeed, the last issue of The Bayonet published a letter written by **Colonel Charles S. Roller, Jr.** in 1954 detailing the long and healthy athletic rivalry between the two great schools. Colonel Roller and Fishburne's Colonel Morgan Hudgins were long time friends and I have to think that they are both looking down and smiling at this magnificent and magnanimous gesture from our friends 'right over there in Waynesboro.'"*

Above, Linda Roller Livick and Colonel Malcolm Livick at the Fishburne Veterans' Day ceremonies in November. Below, a Fishburne Color Guard carried the AMA flag.

Coming to Reunion 2008? Some things to do nearby!

STAUNTON / AUGUSTA COUNTY

The American Frontier Culture Museum offers a unique collection of furnishings, animals, crops and foods from 17th, 18th and 19th Century Europe and America. Costumed interpreters bring history to life. www.frontiermuseum.org

The Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Museum chronicles the life of the 28th President of the United States who was born and raised in Staunton. The home and library are open to the public. See the President's car. Guided tours available. www.woodrowwilson.org

Gypsy Hill Park is a 214 acre multiuse recreational facility with baseball, football and golf venues, tennis and volleyball courts and the Gypsy Hill Mini Train. Located at the intersection of Route 250 and Thornrose Avenue in Staunton.

Blackfriars Playhouse is a William Shakespeare theater replica that is home to the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express and performs Shakespeare and Renaissance drama using natural light and simple staging while making it fun for modern audiences. www.shakespeare.com

The Smith Center houses three Staunton/Augusta County organizations: The Augusta County Historical Society, the Historic Staunton Foundation and the Staunton/Augusta Art Center. Contains the original plans for AMA's Big Barracks. www.rrsmithcenter.org

The P. Buckley Moss Museum in Waynesboro houses a collection of P. Buckley Moss artworks. The 18,000 square foot building offers exhibitions and has Moss prints for sale. Check website to see when the artist will be at the museum. www.pbuckleymoss.com

HARRISONBURG / ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Skyline Drive can be entered on the East side of the County just past Elkton on US Route 33 which intersects US 11 and I-81. Scenic driving and hiking. www.shenandoah.national-park.com

The Virginia Quilt Museum has a unique display of antique and contemporary quilts with shows that run all year. Phone 540/433-3818.

The Massanutten River Adventure offers canoe, kayak and river tubing on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. www.canoe4u.com

The Harrisonburg Children's Museum helps children have a "hands on" approach to arts, drama, culture, science and technology and much more. www.hcmuseum.org

Keezlenutten Farm has trail rides for all ages as well as riding lessons. keezlenuttenfarm.com

The Dayton Farmers Market has gifts, foods, baked goods, crafts, art prints, sculptures, lace and books. www.daytonfarmersmarket.com

The Massanutten Resort has one of the largest indoor water parks on the East Coast. Golf and swimming. www.massresort.com

LURAY / PAGE COUNTY

Luray Caverns is the largest and most popular cave in the Eastern United States lying deep beneath the Blue Ridge Mountains. Hear the world's only stalacpipe Organ. Car and Carriage Museum and the Garden Maze. www.luraycaverns.com

Page Valley Aviation offers sightseeing flights above the Shenandoah Valley. See AMA from the air and other area points of interest. Aerial photography. 540/743-7339.

Shenandoah River Outfitters offers canoe, kayak, raft and tubing on the Shenandoah River. Log cabin and tent rentals available on the river. www.shenandoahriver.com

The Jordon Hollow Riding Stable offers horseback riding through the Blue Ridge foothills. www.fortvalleyridingstable.com

The Luray Zoo has 120 exhibits including a petting zoo, animal shows and one of the largest reptile collections in the East. Jungle and gift shop. www.lurayzoo.com

Shenandoah National Park offers a 105 mile drive along the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. www.nps.gov/shen

NEW MARKET - SHENANDOAH COUNTY

New Market Battlefield where the VMI cadets helped to win one of the last Southern victories in the Civil War. Hall of Valor Museum. Visit the original farmhouse that stood in the center of the fighting. www.vmi.edu/newmarket

Endless Caverns has guided tours. Campground on the premises. Gift and rock shop. www.endlesscaverns.com

Shenandoah Caverns offers elevator service. Visit 17 underground rooms, some ten stories high. www.shenandoahcaverns.com

Art Studio Pottery is a working pottery studio and retail gallery located in a log house. www.artstudiopottery.com

A veteran is...

A veteran – whether active duty, retired or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for an amount "up to and including my life."

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand this.

Author unknown. Suggested by Don Studer.

Head coach of 49ers and Saints

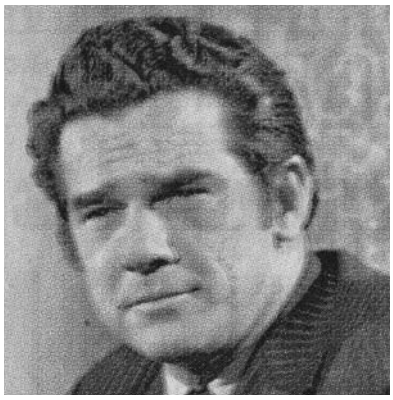
Death comes to Coach Dick Nolan,'50

Richard C. "Dick" Nolan, `50, the former head coach of the San Francisco 49ers and the New Orleans Saints, passed away on 11 November 2007. He was 75 years old.

Nolan had been in declining health with Alzheimer's disease and cancer for several years. He spent the last few months in an assisted-care facility near where he and his wife, Ann, had their longtime family home outside Dallas. Their son, Mike Nolan, is now head coach of the 49ers, the first father-son to coach the same team since Bum and Wade Phillips both coached the Saints. The 49ers just signed Mike for another year.

DICK NOLAN, in coat and tie, patrols the sidelines at a San Francisco 49er home game. Nolan turned the team into a successful franchise during the pre-Bill Walsh era.

Born in Pittsburgh, Dick Nolan's family moved to White Plains, NY where he played quarterback at White Plains High before coming to Fort Defiance. AMA's varsity football team went 8-1-1 in 1949, losing only to Fork Union, and tieing Manlius. The Blue and White outscored their opponents 235-76, and Dick Nolan was all over the field in every game, creating then recovering a fumble in the Greenbrier game to preserve an AMA win. In the Manlius game, he scored a touchdown on the second play of the game, one of just two scores as the game ended in a tie at 6-6.



After Augusta, Nolan went to the University of Maryland to play quarterback, but Terp Coach Jim Tatum turned him into an offensive and defensive halfback. Maryland beat Oklahoma for the national crown in 1953 and Nolan was invited to play in the Senior Bowl his last year and later in a College All Star game in Chicago.

It was at UMD that Dick met Ann and they married four years later. They would move 22 times during their marriage. While at Maryland, a New York Giants scout spotted him and offered him a contract. In the 1954 season, Dick began nine years of dazzling defensive play in the NFL during which time he helped the Giants win one national and two Eastern Conference championships. His former teammate Frank Gifford said Nolan *"was an extraordinary football player. He was smart and he was tough."*

Co-architect of "flex" defense

When his playing days were over in 1962, former teammate Tom Landry invited Dick to become the defensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys where he was the co-architect of the "flex" defense. He remained with Dallas until the 49ers came calling in 1968. The San Francisco team had never won the big ones in 22 years and 49er President Lou Spadia wanted a winner – and that was Dick Nolan. In 1970, he was the National Football Conference Coach of the Year. In three straight seasons, Nolan led the perennially downtrodden 49ers to three Western Division titles and three times, his mentor, Tom Landry, and the Cowboys won the big game to keep the Niners out of the Super Bowl. 49er fans later accustomed to Bill Walsh and the heroics of Joe Montana tend to forget how far the 49ers came with Dick Nolan at the helm.

He had a 54-53-5 record through the 1975 season when he left to become defensive coordinator for Hank Stram in New Orleans. In 1978, Stram was fired and Nolan became the head coach of the Saints for the next three seasons. He ended his career back in Dallas working for Tom Landry who, you may recall, also wore a coat and tie on the sidelines.

At AMA, Dick Nolan played not only football but basketball and baseball. He also was on the track team. A CW who lived in Big Barracks, he is remembered fondly by Headquarters Company Captain **Tommy Clements, `50**, as a *"good cadet, a good student, a good athlete and a good friend. He was my favorite CW, always happy and always smiling."* Tommy visited Nolan last Fall and showed him some pictures from the 1950 *Recall* which seemed to kindle some recognition.

Dick Nolan is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ann, and six children: Richard (Rook) owns a landscape business in San Jose, CA. Nancy Bellagamba is personal secretary for her brother, Mike, who is the incumbent San Francisco 49er head coach. Kelly is a teacher in Trophy Club, TX while Lisa is an international flight attendant for American Airlines living in Keller, TX. Son Jimmy is in the air freight business in Dallas. Dick's brother Jack lives in Wilton, CT while sisters Maryjane Barry, Nancy Hughes and Judy Garvin live in Naples, FL, Libertyville, Il and Minneapolis respectively. Dick also left twelve grandchildren.

Mike was on the sidelines to coach the 49ers the day after his father died, something that everyone who knew Dick said he would want Mike to do.

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WARM HEART FOR A COLD JOB - It was exactly ten days before Christmas and the winds howled through Arlington National Cemetery.

But there was work to be done. Ten thousand wreaths had to be placed on ten thousand heroes' graves and **Greg Pearce, `65**, was one of hundreds of volunteers on that cold Saturday morning to see that the mission was accomplished. Donated by a patriot in Maine, two laden tractor-trailers delivered the wreaths to ANC. Says Greg, *"It was a humbling day which saw us smile and tear up at the same time."*

Dennis Clad, '65, is a musician and writer

Dennis Clad was a cadet at AMA from 1963 until 1965. Now known as the "Durango Kid," he lives in Richmond where he is a blues and jazz musician, a thespian and an award winning writer. *"I'll never forget the day in 1963 when we were playing basketball and word came that Kennedy had been shot."*

[dennisclad@aol.com]

Dennis Clad, '65

Bob Graber, '48, beats the odds

By now, he was supposed to be dead or nearly so. Last June, **Bob Graber** stopped producing blood because his leukemia had caused his bone marrow to cease manufacturing it. He was told that his life expectancy was not good, *"but in October, I was in the hospital and for some strange, unknown reason I started producing 50 to 75 per cent by myself,"* he says. *"I have not had a blood transfusion since October and guess what: I am still playing nine holes of golf every Monday morning at 0715."*

Way to go, Bob! We're with you. Keep on keeping on!

Bob Graber, 1948 *Recall*

Wayne Kreson, '83, is still looking for classmates

Reunion 2008 is the 25th anniversary of the Class of 1983. **Wayne Kreson** is Class Agent and he is trying to get guys from his year to come to reunion. [wayne_kreson@yahoo.com]

Wayne Kreson, '83

All aboard for the 3rd annual

AMA ALUMNI CRUISE

Travel on the Carnival *Liberty* out of Miami for seven nights with visits to Cozumel, Mexico, Grand Cayman and Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Depart 27 September 2008 - Returning 3 October 2008
Only $560 per person*, including all taxes, fees and fuel surcharges
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FAMILY REUNION - Tom Roller, '36, and Dina had some visitors from Virginia this past fall. The Rollers live in Mesa, AZ and The Reverend Harold and Virginia Hallock came to visit. Tom is the son of Colonel Tom Roller while Virginia is the daughter of Hilton Roller Grasty, Colonel Tom's daughter. L. to r., Harold Hallock, Dina Roller, Virginia Hallock and Tom Roller.

Were you at AMA during 1975-1984?

If you were a cadet at Augusta anytime from the Fall of 1975 until the school closed in January of 2004, you know that there were no *Recalls* for any of those years (except for the Class of 1981 which had a 24 page memory book).

As a result, our AMA Museum does not have much infomation about those "lost" years. Now, **Sergeants Joe Josephson** and **Don Studer** are asking cadets and faculty from those years to lend to the museum photos, stories, *Bayonets*, uniform items and the like for study and display at the Museum.

"We will accept anything and will return the items to the donor quickly," says Studer. *"In the case of photos, we will copy them and return the originals quickly to the sender."*

Josephson says, *"We are looking for things about sports teams and sporting events, campus organizations, social events, the military, faculty members, cadets, and all those 'good' stories that now can be told."*

The last nine years that the school was open are not well represented at the museum and only those who were at AMA during those times can correct that information deficit.

Please contact the AMA Alumni House/Museum, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. If you have questions, contact Joe or Don by phone at 540/248-3007 or by FAX at 540/248-4533. E-mail them at AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

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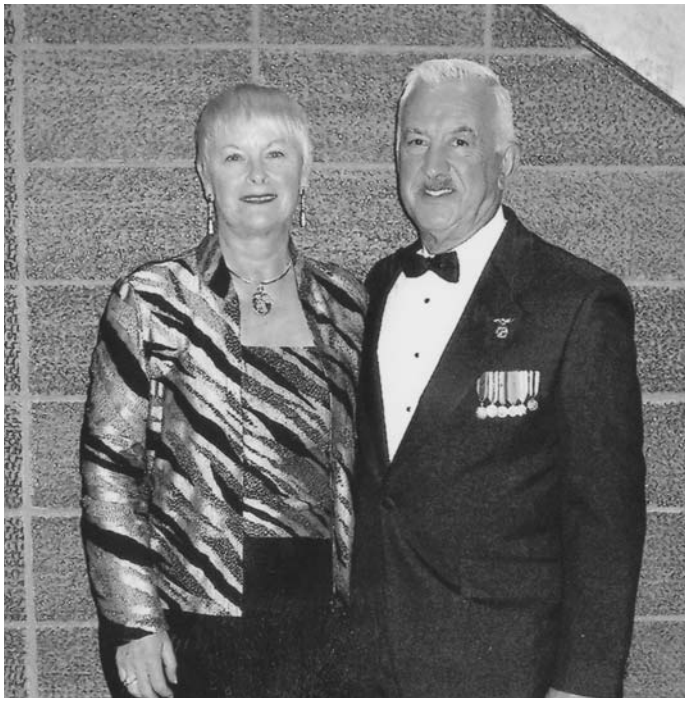
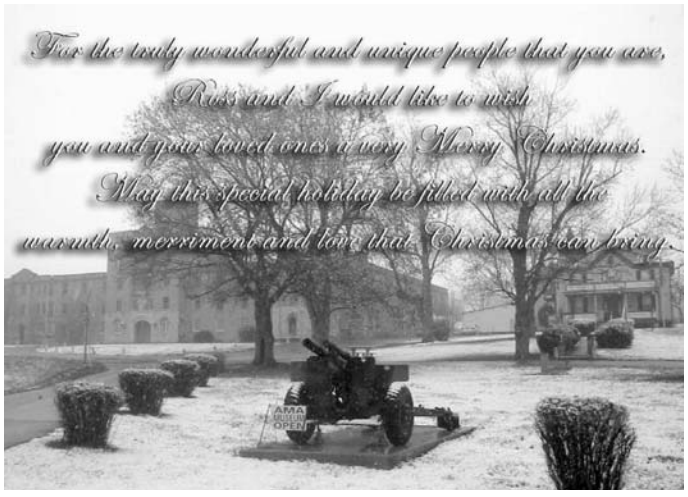


THE COMMANDER AND HIS LADY - Commander Al Wattay, '53, USN Retired, and Diane at his 50th class reunion at the U. S. Naval Academy last October.

MAGGIE BELLE'S PARLOR - The main room in the AMA Alumni House/Museum. A painting of AMA's founder – Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr. – hangs on the wall, right, rear. BELOW, a Christmas card from Jim Hash, '72.



Pulitzer Prize winner

Momaday earns 2007 National Medal of Arts

Navarre Scott Momaday, `52 – author, essayist, poet, painter and professor – was presented with the 2007 National Medal of Arts by President Bush in a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. The President said that Momaday received the award *"for his writing and his work to celebrate and preserve Native American arts and oral traditions. He has introduced millions worldwide to the essence of Native American culture."* The National Endowment for the Arts sponsors the award.

A member of the Kiowa tribe, Momaday was born in Lawton, Oklahoma. His father was a painter and his mother, of English and Cherokee descent, was a writer. Both parents taught at Indian reservations when Scott was growing up exposing him to the Najavo, Apache and Pueblo Indian cultures of the Southwest. When his parents moved to a small town in New Mexico where there were no nearby schools, they decided that Scott needed a sound preparation for college. *"We read through many high school catalogues,"* he recalls. After much study and deliberation, his parents decided to send him to Augusta. He was on *The Bayonet* and *Recall* staffs at AMA, was active in the YMCA and was on **Major Hoover's** fencing team specializing in saber. He also took part in public speaking contests.

He received an undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico, then won a poetry fellowship to the creative writing program at Stanford. There, he earned a doctorate in English, then took a teaching position at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Pulitzer Prize for first novel

In 1969, his first novel *House Made of Dawn* won the Pulitzer Prize for literature and he began teaching at the University of California at Berkeley, subsequently teaching at Stanford and the University of Arizona. In 1974, he was the first American to teach literature at the Moscow State University in Russia. It was during this time that he began drawing and painting seriously. Since then he has had one man exhibits in Santa Fe, New Mexico and at the University of Oklahoma.

Of Scott's books, *The Way to Rainy Mountain* (1969) and *The Names* (1976) emphasize the importance of landscape and heritage. His collections of poetry include most recently *In the Presence of the Sun* (1992) and *In the Bear's House* (1999). A new collection of poetry is *"a work in progress."*

Momaday was a contributor to *Lewis and Clark through Indian Eyes* (2006) and to both the English and French versions of Writers for the Literary and The Alphabet of Hope (UNESCO 2007). UNESCO has named him an Artist for Peace. His works have been translated into seven languages and he has been a commentator on National Public Radio. He often is seen and heard on the History Channel, most recently appearing in a story about Billy the Kid. Scott was featured in the Ken Burns film, *The West*, which involved his masterful retelling of Kiowa history.

Scott Momaday, '52, with President Bush at the White House.

He is featured in another PBS documentary about the Battle of the Little Bighorn and said that his grandfather, who fought in that battle, told young Scott that *"he had never seen Custer look whiter."*

Scott divides his time between Oklahoma City where he is the Centennial Poet Laureate for the State of Oklahoma and Santa Fe where he is a Senior Scholar at the School for Advanced Research. In addition, he is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and holds 15 honorary degrees.

Momaday founded the Buffalo Trust, a non-profit foundation for the preservation and restoration of Native American culture, is a founding trustee of the National Museum of the American Indian and a founding member of the Stewardship Council of the Autry Center for the American West.

N. Scott Momaday – an Augusta man for all seasons.

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+ *Circle of Wonder (1997)*
+ *The Man Made of Words (1997)*
+ *In the Bear's House (1999)*

** Illustrated by his father, Alfred Momaday*

Are you in any of these pictures?

Some photos taken at the museum this past Fall were mixed up. If you are in one of these pictures, let us know and we'll correctly identify you in the next issue. Thanks and sorry for the trouble.

Some old military records available

The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis has opened the military records of more than six million service members who died, retired or were discharged before 1946.

In July of 1973, a fire destroyed 80 per cent of the records for Army personnel between 1912 and the end of 1959. 75 per cent of the Air Force records for that time period were also lost in the fire.

The remaining records are a treasure trove for veterans, their families, historians and genealogists. In 2005, 1.2 million records for Navy and Marine Corps veterans were released.

To personally view documents, one should call ahead to see if the records you are seeking are available. For an appointment, phone 314/801-0850.

To obtain copies of records by mail, write: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132.

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SAUCY - He's been making it for 20 years for his friends and they keep telling him he should market it. So Brett Thompson, '75, now has his famous "Triple B BBQ" sauce on sale. He has been making it at home, up to two gallons at a time. *"I've always asked for suggestions on how to improve it and all I ever hear is, 'Wow! Don't change a thing,'"* Brett says. And why Triple B? Because it is a barbecue sauce, a dipping sauce and a marinade when cut 50/50 with wine. This is the label, above. If your store doesn't carry it, ask them to do so. Brett will have a case in the Silent Auction at Reunion 2008. His website: triplebsauce.com

AMA Open help sought

Mickey Toms, `67, Chairman of the annual AMA Open Golf Tournament played during Reunion 2008, is asking for help in the form of "goodies" that can be given to the players.

Caps, golf balls, towels and even money are being sought to fill the goodie bag each player will receive.

If you have items to give, contact Mickey at: cmtoms@earthlink.net, or let them know at the AMA Museum at: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

This year, the Open goes back to the Staunton Country Club with a shotgun start at 9 AM on Friday 25 April. A sign up form can be found on page 18.

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REMEMBERING - At the unveiling of a memorial at Camp Pendleton, CA, General Nicholson listens to Sheila Cobb of Bradenton, FL talk about her son who was killed in action in the Iraq War. The 5th Marine Regiment was commanded by Nicholson in Iraq.

ALL PRESENT - The contingent from AMA which was there when Larry Nicholson became a general officer in the United States Marine Corps. L. to r., Becky and Keith McWilliams, '77, LTC David Rapp, Colonel Mal Livick, Don Studer, Steve Traylor, '72, Garry Granger, '71, and Becky, Brett Thompson, '75, Bob Walker, '75, Frank Williamson, '60, and Bev, and Joe Josephson.

COIN TOSS - A challenge to the new general officer was proposed by Garry Granger, '71, and Brett Thompson, '75. Each had an AMA coin and they challenged Larry to see if he had his AMA coin. If he didn't, then the new tradition says he buys beer all around. Larry played a trump card - his shiny Marine coin, but he admitted that he has been "busted" and provided food and beer for the evening - which he was going to do anyway. Don Studer enjoys the moment.

BEAUTIFUL FAMILY - General Nicholson surrounded by his loved ones. Kevin is a cadet at The Citadel, Debbie is the Mom to the Nicholson Clan, Danny wears a coat and tie, and Brittany and Marine First Lieutenant Andrew Nicholson are recently married.

General Nicholson is the Deputy Commanding General of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command and is stationed at Quantico, VA. The First Captain at Augusta his senior year, he graduated from The Citadel and has held positions from platoon leader to Commander of the 5th Marine Regiment in Iraq. There, he was grievously wounded but returned to duty as soon as the doctors permitted.

Larry Nicholson gets his star

AMA Pride - Front and Center

By Steve Traylor, '72

In the history of Augusta Military Academy, thirteen thousand young men have passed through the front gates as students.

In more than a century, we have had a number of those men become celebrated in their career and recognized, if not nationally, certainly on a regional or industry basis. There is a pride in that and hopefully your mind is wandering its way to that spot within you where you keep and store that pride.

What made the recognition of **Larry Nicholson, '75**, at his pinning ceremony becoming a brigadier general so special were not the speeches that were heard, but the actions that spoke louder than words.

Larry received his promotion in late September of this past year, but he held it in abeyance until 3 November enabling his son Andrew, a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, to return from Iraq and join with his family for the celebration.

As Master of Ceremonies, Lieutenant General Jim Amos removed the colonel's insignia from Larry's uniform and in turn, Larry's wife Debbie, and sons Andrew, Danny and Kevin, pinned the brigadier star on his shirt collar and blouse.

But what came next was such a surprise and matter of pride for the AMA contingent in attendance; Larry mildly barked out, "**Colonel Rapp**! Front and Center"! Slowly, from the middle of the fourth row, Lieutenant Colonel David Rapp USMC (RET), former instructor and lacrosse coach at AMA during the late 60's and 70's, made his way to the front.

PINNED - General Nicholson gets his stars from his wife, Debbie, and his three sons.

RAPPED - LTC David Rapp returns to his seat after affixing a general's star to BG Nicholson's cover.

As Colonel Rapp came forward, Larry related the influences that the colonel had bestowed upon him saying, *"This man was my first real exposure to an officer in the Marines. I knew then I wanted to become that kind of leader and officer. It wasn't until years later that I learned he had led a platoon through the historic and challenging Inchon landing in the Korean War"*, and a collective knowing groan filled the room.

"For those influences", Larry continued, *"I have asked Colonel David Rapp to pin my new brigadier star on my cover".*

General Nicholson' e-mail address is:
larry.d.nicholson@usmc.mil

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS - The family of Tom DelValle, '72, had many reasons for Christmas joy. Tom has just taken a Senior Vice President position with American Airlines and now is responsible for all of AA's domestic operations. Pictured above, l. to r., Tom, Annie, Avery, Piper and Cali.

3rd annual AMA cruise set for late September

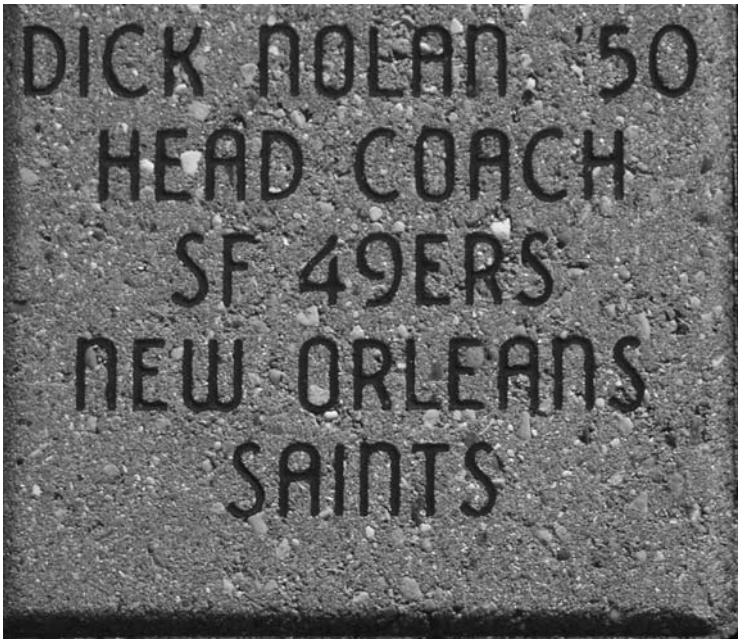
AMA alumni and friends will cruise the Western Caribbean this Fall aboard the *Carnival Liberty* departing from Miami and touching ports at Cozumel in Mexico, Grand Cayman and Ocho Rios in Jamaica. AMA Cruise Coordinator **Ozzie Ferro, `53**, said the cruise will depart 27 September for seven nights. *"Anyone who wants to take this great cruise needs to sign up right away,"* says Ferro.

Setting a new standard in luxury, the *Carnival Liberty* is sailing in glorious style. An abundance of duty-free shops, delicious dining options, bars, clubs, on-board activities and the Carnival Seaside Theater combine to make this a truly marvelous experience. The theater is a 12-foot high by 22-foot wide LED screen located poolside on the Lido deck showing movies, sporting events, concerts and various other programming. *"The ship is as much an attraction as the destinations themselves,"* says Ferro. The ship is of Panamanian registry.

An inside cabin for the seven nights is $560 per person which includes port and government charges of $213.26 per person and a fuel surcharge of $35 per person. See the ad on page 29 for further details and numbers to call.

New regulations require a U.S. passport for travel outside of U.S. territories. See story on page 66.

REMEMBER THE GRAY GHOST? - Neither snow nor rain nor black of night would deter General Roller from his nightly visits after Taps, or, pictured above, his arrival on campus for Sunday inspection.



CARVED IN STONE - This paver salutes Dick Nolan, '50, who passed away late last year. Story on page 27.

$27,000 contribution

Bill McVey, `60, wants to see his donation at work now

Bill McVey, `60, is a member of the Roller Society meaning that he has made arrangements to leave something to the AMA Alumni Foundation when he passes on. But Bill decided that while he will keep his Roller Society pledge, he wanted to contribute now *"so I can see the good my donation can do."* He has taken advantage of an IRS regulation which allows a deduction for the contribution of appreciated stock to a non-profit organization such as the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Bill McVey, 1960 *Recall*

The money will fund one of the AMA Legacy Scholarships to be awarded at the reunion and is given in honor of Bill's aunt and uncle, Ethel McVey Leonard and Robert Prescott Leonard. The value of the stock was approximately $27,000. *"We are very flattered that Bill has made this gift,"* says his classmate **Frank Williamson, `60**, Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation. *"We do need the money now and Bill can share our excitement in using his most generous gift."*

McVey graduated from VMI in 1964 and went into Marine aviation where he eventually attained the rank of major. *"I had wanted to fly jets since I was ten years old in 1952 when I heard a loud roar and ran outside my house in Maryland to see an F-86 go screaming by",* says McVey. *"Having decided I wanted to fly and being around water all my life, I thought I'd fly with the Navy."*

In his rat year at VMI, McVey saw a notice about a career in Naval aviation, *"but when I got to the meeting, a Marine captain conducted the meeting looking very impressive in his dress blues. He made the case that Navy and Marine flight training were identical so I decided then to become a Marine pilot."* Bill received his wings in 1965 and was assigned to fly A4E Skyhawks with Marine Jet Attack Squadron VMA-331. After flying round-trip to Turkey, he got his orders to go to Vietnam.

Bill McVey's flying suit and helmet are part of the Vietnam War display at the AMA Museum.

"After a tearful farewell with my wife in San Francisco, I arrived in Nam in December 1967 and was assigned to a unit commanded by a VMI man. The tail colors were red, white and yellow," Bill recalls. His unit's mission was combat air support for the troops on the ground which *"we considered our favorite mission having a chance to save lives of friendly forces and destroy the enemy. This was exciting flying swooping in at 500 miles per hour, delivering bombs, rockets and 20MM cannon shots, and pulling out at 150 feet. We could get within 50 to 75 yards of friendlies to help them out."*

On the other side of the coin, these were by far the most dangerous missions where American aircraft were *"exposed to small arms and 50 calibre machine gun fire. The close air missions were where we experienced the most downed or damaged aircraft and lost or injured crew."*

On 29 January 1967, the enemy began shooting a heavy barrage of rockets into McVey's flight line. Though he didn't know it at the time, this was the beginning of the so-called Tet offensive by the Vietcong. *"My four hootchmates and I jumped into a sandbagged bunker and were standing partially exposed when the sky became filled with red hot fragments. As we were oohing and aahing, the concussion from the explosion of our bomb dump reached us with a gush of air and a thunderous noise. We didn't immediately realize what it was and thought a rocket had just hit us almost directly."*

The Tet offensive cost North Vietnam 30,000 casualties: *"Every place they attacked was retaken within a couple of days except Hue where Marines took four weeks of fierce fighting to annihilate them. This really turned Congress and the populace against the war... We seem to be a country of weak backbones unwilling to disrupt our own lives for the good of world peace... I think we can say the same thing today."*

When North Vietnamese troops and artillery surrounded the Marines at Khe Sanh, McVey's unit flew mission after mission for 77 days in concert with the Navy and the Air Force.

"This was the most intense flying of my whole tour, flying two or three missions a day, taking fire from all directions but feeling that we were keeping the bad guys away from our Marines."

Bill McVey flew 243 missions before he was reassigned to Air Wing Intelligence. He had received confirmed enemy fire on 73 of these missions for which he received 16 Air Medals, *"one of my proudest achievements, second only to having a very happy successful marriage and two terrific children."*

Back in the States, he became an instructor in the Naval Advanced Training Command for 18 months.

He left active duty in July 1970 but kept his combat flying skills up in the reserve until he retired in 1975.

"We very much appreciate Bill's fearless devotion to his country," says Williamson, *"and are very proud of the fact that AMA is so important in his life."*

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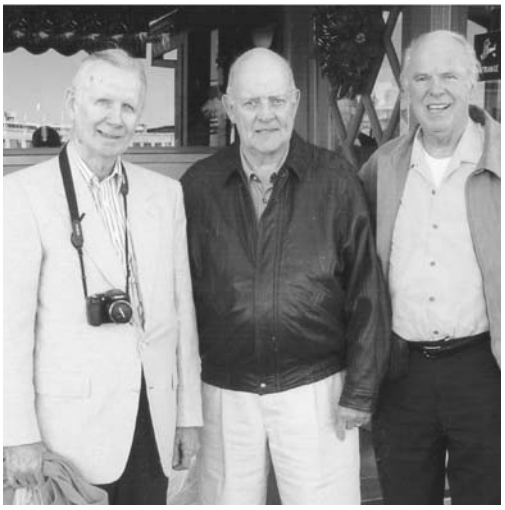
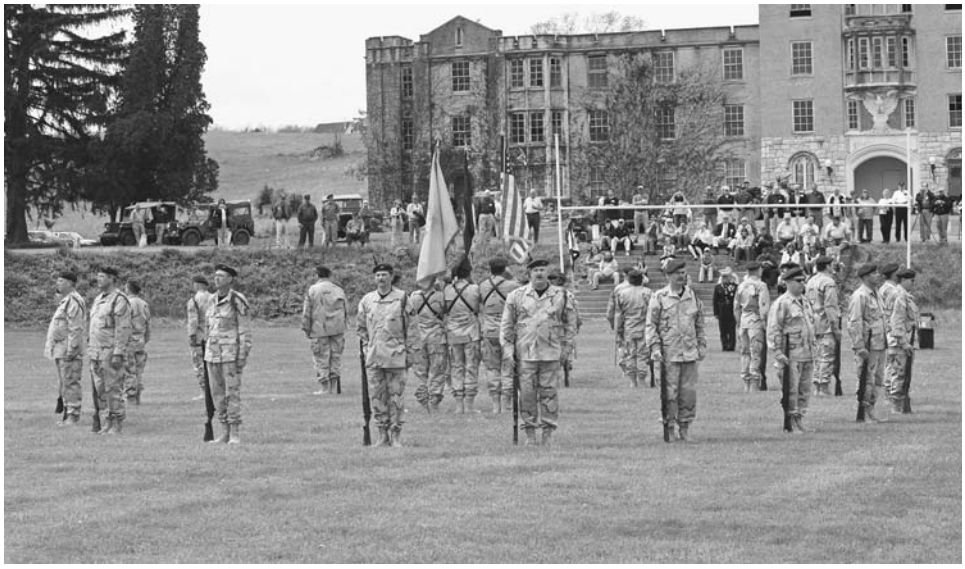


ADJUTANTS THREE - A trio of former AMA adjutants met for lunch in San Francisco. Left to right, Bill Owen, '46, Bob Bradford, '50, and Geoff Layng, '47, each of whom was captain adjutant in his senior year. Owen just reconnected with AMA after a prolonged absence occasioned by his move from Birmingham to San Francisco. Bill worked for the FBI for a while then went into journalism working for both the AP and the International News Service (INS). During the Korean War, Bill was with *Stars and Stripes*. Robert Craft Owen, Bill's brother, also left Augusta in 1946 after four years and he now lives in Wilmington, NC.



THE CIRCLE - At Reunion 2007, the new Roller Rifles performed the very difficult "Circle" maneuver. Recruits are now being sought to march with the Rifles on Saturday 26 April during Reunion 2008. Photo by Bruce Strange, '72.

Doolittle 65th anniversary recalls Manch heroics

Sixty five years ago – on 18 April 1942 – Colonel Jimmy Doolittle led 16 twin-propeller B-25 bombers on a daring air raid over Tokyo, just four months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The co-pilot of one plane was **Jack Manch** from the Class of 1938 and son of AMA's Band Director and German Professor **Major Martin Manch**.

Never before had the land-based B-25 been launched from a carrier. Manch and the other pilots and co-pilots that day had undergone intensive training for short take offs just for this mission. The AMA Museum has a display highlighting Manch's participation in the famous raid.

The strategy was for the bombers to launch within 500 nautical miles of Japan if they had enough wind to lift their planes from the *Hornet's* short carrier deck. After bombing Tokyo, the Americans would fly on another 1,100 miles to airfields in free China.

But Japanese picket boats saw the American naval task force nearly 700 miles from Japan. Vice Admiral William "Bull" Halsey immediately plowed into the wind at full speed to aid the B-25 take offs. Doolittle's plane was the first off and Jack Manch was in the third plane to leave the deck. After the raid, the flyers hit bad weather and when they ran out of fuel had to either crash land or bail out. Manch bailed out and with the help of friendly Chinese eventually got back to American lines. Seventy-one of the 80 fliers survived. Three were executed by the Japanese. Doolittle was promoted to brigadier general and presented with the Medal of Honor by President Roosevelt. The Doolittle Flight was a great morale boost for the American people coming so soon on the heels of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The raid produced several books and a movie and every school child in the United States knew the story of the heroic raid.

(A question: Ask your children or grandchildren if they have ever heard of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. Chances are – unless you taught them World War Two history at home – they will have no idea what you are talking about.)

ON THE HOOK - Steve Speciale, '61, left. was fishing for Old Drum (or red drum) when this photo was taken. Most of the big boys weighed 35 to 40 pounds. Steve says he now spends all his time *"either chasing fish or building furniture."* He lives in Oriental, North Carolina.

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AMA alums owe it to their children or grandchildren to get more information about Missouri Military Academy. For a viewbook, call 573.581.1776, info@mma.mexico.mo.us or go online to www.MMA-Cadet.org

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GREAT GRANDPAS - They are not great-grandpas but are certainly GREAT grandpas. Above, Manuel Balbis, '53, traveled to Italy to get a first look at his granddaughter, Andrea Natoli Balbis, born in Rome on 2 October 2007. Manuel's daughter and mother of Andrea – Marilu Balbis – is Operations Manager for Universal Pictures in Italy while her Dad – Captain Gian Natoli – is in the Italian Army Special Forces. Below, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, introduces his grandson, Juan, to his Harley. Says Jorge, *"He is a character, always with a big smile."*

On Veterans Day 2007

Missouri Military Academy honors Augusta

On Veterans Day 2007, the Missouri Military Academy Parade saluted the veterans of all the wars and honored AMA at the same time. *Bayonet* Editor **Bob Bradford, `50**, was there to represent Augusta.

AMA's relationship with MMA began when Missouri Alumnus Chuck Foley, `54, met Bradford on a World War II tour of Italy. From that chance meeting came the MMA Scholarships for the children and grandchildren of AMA alumni. The first cadet to receive one of these scholarships is Matt Mitchell, son of **Jim Mitchell, `76**.

After a tour of the campus and lunch in the Mess Hall, the cadets gathered in the handsome MMA Field House from where they marched onto the field. The guests of the day trooped the line after which the Corps of Cadets passed in review. "

"The cadets looked magnificent," Bradford says.

TROOPING THE LINE - The Missouri Military Academy Corps of Cadets drawn up as guests of honor troop the line. In the light colored jacket is Chuck Foley, a 1954 graduate of MMA. To his left is Bob Bradford, '50, who represented AMA at the ceremony.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - Cadet Matt Mitchell, the son of Jim Mitchell, '76, is flanked by Chuck Foley, left, and AMA's Bob Bradford on 11 November 2007.

Left, Bradford tells Colonel Charles R. Stribling, III and Foley about the similarities between AMA and MMA including the fact that both schools were founded by Confederate veterans and many of MMA's early leaders were from Virginia. Stribling was for 20 years President of the Academy following in the footsteps of his father, Colonel Charles R. Stribling, Junior who taught at Fishburne before going to MMA.

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How Buddy McCausland got his `39 AMA diploma

Jim "Buddy" McCausland, `39, did not get his diploma when the rest of his class did. Let him tell the story:

"If you look in the 1939 Recall, you will not find my photo with the Class of 1939 but I have an AMA diploma hanging in my home.

"In 1937, I transferred to AMA from a public school system that required only eleven years to graduate while AMA required twelve years.

*"**Major Charles Roller** wanted me to come back another year to get the few credits I needed to graduate, but I was eager to start college. So I entered Lynchburg College and after two years transferred to Washington and Lee.*

"In the spring of 1943, when I was about to graduate from W&L, I had been accepted by the U. S. Navy to go to the USNR Midshipmen's School at Columbia University after which I would be commissioned as an ensign in the U. S. Navy.

*"So I wrote to **Colonel Tom Roller** and told him that I would very much like to have my AMA diploma. It came almost by return mail!"*

Jim concludes by saying that he is very proud of the three years he spent at AMA which were capped by his having been named to the Ad Astra per Aspera Honor Society.

Jim is also a most reliable *Bayonet* correspondent who is always sending us news about AMA alumni in the Lynchburg area. We really appreciate your help, Buddy, and are glad that you finally got your diploma!

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Then, many of you stepped up to the plate and got us through the year. We thank you all for that. We are off to a good start in 2008. If your name is NOT on this list, get it on the 2008 list now, won't you please?

If you are seeking some unique way of helping us, give us a call at 540/248-3007. We can put you in touch with someone who can help you with a trust or a will or a donation of appreciated stock.

New Roller Society members sign up

Five more Augusta alumni and AMA friends have joined the Roller Society pledging to leave a contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation when they pass on. They are:

Dr. Mel Alper, `39
Tom DelValle, `73
Doug Pennock, `72,
Rick Smail, `67
Tina Shafer,
Foundation Administrator

Each is making a planned gift to the Foundation. Roller Society Chairman **Gordon Metz, `68**, welcomed the new members. *"We need more of our folks to establish gift annuities, make bequests or other planned gifts that will fund our scholarships far into the future, keep our museum open and thriving and help cover the costs for The Bayonet. It can be as simple as one line in a will. We are where we are today because we have received the needed help from good friends who remembered us in their wills."*

The current list of Roller Society members is on the facing page. Look to see who from your era is a member and join them in this loving gesture toward the school which meant so much to us all.

The Roller Society does not ask what your commitment is nor what form it will take. These good folks will decide what is best for their families and then think about what to do for AMA and any other non-profit.

Talk with your tax preparer about the ways you can make a donation without considering your family. In life and after death, there are ways you can benefit yourself, your family AND AMA.

Thank you for your consideration!

When you send in your BLUE registration form for Reunion 2008, be sure to check the box in the upper right corner of the form indicating that you will give a couple of hours of your time to help the volunteers who create and manage the reunion. They will very much appreciate your assistance!

The Roller Society

The Roller Society honors those who have pledged to leave something to the AMA Alumni Foundation when they pass away. It is on the shoulders of these dedicated heroes that AMA's future will be built. Funding the AMA and VMI Scholarships. Maintaining and improving our jewel: the AMA Museum. Supporting the printing and mailing of The Bayonet.

The Roller Society logo, left, infers that your gift will keep on giving, echoing over the years, enabling us to repeatedly fund the programs that define who we are, assuring that your name will be remembered long after you are gone.

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Profiles of Sports Hall of Fame inductees

General Charles S. Roller, Jr.

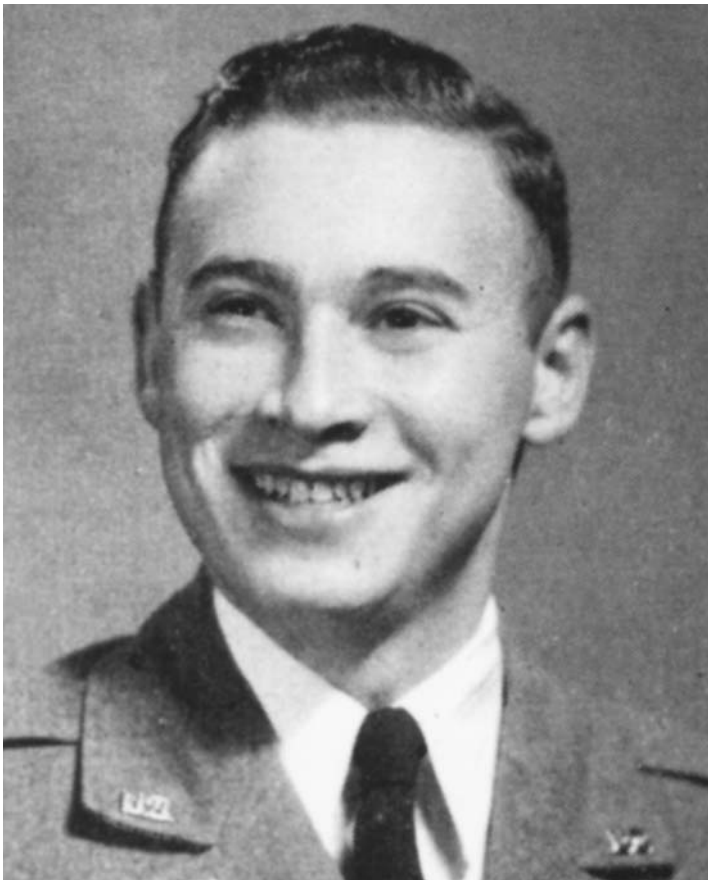
As an AMA cadet in the 1890's, as a player-coach on the AMA faculty in the early 1900s, as a member of the famous 1901 VMI football team, and as AMA's ever energetic athletic director, the General's warm shadow fell across the athletic field at AMA until the school closed. He introduced athletics into the lives of his cadets insuring that the time, equipment, coaches and scheduling were provided. Introduced golf, tennis and track to AMA. Coached at Furman University and VMI before his father's death brought him back to AMA in 1907. In a day when faculty members routinely played varsity sports, he was the catcher for the AMA baseball team until the practice of playing teachers was discontinued in 1920. All American in baseball and football at VMI. Elected to the VMI Sports Hall of Fame. No one, living or dead, spent more time, dedicated more effort and accomplished more in and for AMA athletics than General Roller. Until he passed away in 1963, he sat between the goal posts at every home game while the Corps chanted, "Take the ball to Big Boy" or "Roll `em back to Roller." It is fitting that General Roller be the first person inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.

General Charles S. Roller, Jr.,

Colonel Paul V. Hoover

Colonel Paul Hoover

It would be easier to list what Colonel Hoover did **not** coach at AMA than to compile a list of teams that he did coach. Fencing, lacrosse, Tiger Football, soccer – at one time, Paul Hoover coached most of the sports played at AMA from the late `30s on. He coached the fencing team for 15 years winning the Blue Ridge Scholastic Fencing Championship in 1970, 1971 and 1972. **Colonel Deane** said that in a given year, Colonel Hoover coached more boys than all the rest of the coaches combined. While he was unconventional as anyone who ever played on one of his teams will attest, he was also inspirational making cadets believe that they could succeed if they put forth their best effort. Quite often, Hoover would purchase equipment or arrange transportation to a match with his own funds and constantly took part in contests that would help him win some money for one of his teams. He would write stories about the winning games and get them to the area newspapers. When alumni are asked about their favorite teacher/coach/character at AMA, Colonel Hoover is always at or near the top of the list.



Jerry Izenberg, `48

At AMA, Jerry played JV basketball and JV baseball, was Sports Editor of The Bayonet and thought that he would end up teaching English somewhere. We can be thankful that his career veered in a different direction. For 55 years, he has been a sports columnist and writer for the Newark Star Ledger and today he is hailed as one of the best sports writers of all time. He has covered every Super Bowl, boxing matches around the world, the Olympics, more than 100 World Series games and 150 Triple Crown races. Listen to his awards: in the Sports-writers and Sportscasters Hall of Fame (with Mel Allen, Grantland Rice and Red Smith), in the National Sports-writers Hall of Fame, the New Jersey State Sports Hall of Fame, and the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame, the only newspaper man selected for that honor. He has written eleven books and is working on a twelfth, produced, written and directed some 30 sports commen-taries and is a regular contributor to ESPN. The Associated Press presented him with the Red Smith Award for a lifetime of contributions to sports journalism. And he has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize four times.

Dick Nolan, `50

At AMA for just a year, Dick played football with zest and also was on the varsity basketball, baseball and track teams. Dick went to Maryland to play quarterback but Terp Coach Jim Tatum converted him into an offensive and defensive halfback. Maryland beat Oklahoma for the national crown in 1953 and Nolan was invited to play in both the Senior Bowl and the College All Star game. The New York Giants offered him a contract and he went on to play nine sparkling years of defense helping the Giants to one national and two Eastern Conference titles. When his playing days were over, Tom Landry invited him to Dallas as a defensive coach where Nolan became the co-author of the "flex defense." In 1968, the San Francisco Giants came calling and Dick moved West to become head coach of a team that had not won "the big one" for 22 years. In 1970, he was NFL Coach of the Year and the 49ers won three Western Conference Championships. He left the Niners to become defensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints and in 1978 became head coach of the Saints. He concluded his career with his mentor Tom Landry back in Dallas.

Coach Dick Nolan, `50

Andre Allen

Andre Allen, `76

Most valuable offensive and defensive player, `76. Played on the PG team for two years before AMA joined the VIC. MVP in the VIC Tournament. A tall pivot man, he played the post masterfully. A good rebounder, a good defensive man and an all around good team player.

Ben Angle, `51

Star lacrosse player at AMA for four years. Was offered athletic scholarship at NC State but chose VMI instead where he set many school and conference records in the mile, half mile and as anchor of the mile relay team. Inducted into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame.

Ben Angle

John Bell

John Bell, `54

Co-captain of AMA swim team, Southern Interscholastic champion, swimming and diving. Had alpha rating as All American Scholastic Diver. At VMI, he was the 150 yard medley Southern Conference champ. Transferred to University of Maryland winning nine ACC medals for swimming. Also lettered in football at AMA.

Ernest Click, `48

Took second place in 100 meter backstroke at the National Meet. Swam 100 yard backstroke and backstroke portion of 150 yard medley. Medley team was the State Champion, never beaten in prep competition. Was offered a swimming scholarship to Temple University but forsook it for the Marines.

Ernie Click

Bill Deuber

Bill Deuber, `49

Hit .438 in 1949 baseball season at Augusta. Received the **Burgess Whitehead** Trophy as outstanding player his senior year. Halfback on AMA's National Champion team, 1948. At the University of Pennsylvania, led nation in pass receiving breaking the NCAA record. Elected to University of Pennylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

John "Jay" Fox, `53

Won State Title in breaststroke with 1:08.5. On undefeated AMA medley relay team. At Washington and Lee, four year letterman. Holds W&L record in butterfly and the breaststroke at all distances. Still holds several Southern Conference records. Elected to Washington and Lee Sports Hall of Fame.

Jay Fox

Bob Gorgrant

Bob Gogrant, `63

Scored 338 points during a season when he played with a broken finger. Was mythical captain of All-Military Basketball League. Led the second best basketball team in AMA's history. Later played at the University of South Carolina and returned to Augusta to teach for a time.

Morris Guerrant, `42

Undefeated in 1940-41 boxing season. "Punchy" fought for five years at AMA in ever higher weight divisions. Beat SMA's state champ his senior year. At the University of Maryland, became first freshman to make varsity team losing only one match to the defending NCAA champ. Boxed on Army team and never lost a match

Morris Guerrant

Dean Hanson

Dean Hanson, `63

On AMA Rifle Team when the team won Junior ROTC National Championship. Shot on the varsity team at Virginia Tech. Expert marksman in Army. As a member of the 75th USAR Maneuver Area Command Rifle Team, Dean helped establish four national records. Won seven Texas State Marksmanship Awards.

Bill Hummer

Bill Hummer, `71

Most consistent shooter on the AMA rifle team during the `70s. Led the team at the annual VMI match with a score of 271. One of only five cadets who fired over 270 during the `70s and `80s. AMA team captain in 1971. Member of five man team which won the Texas A&M Postal Match in 1970.

Julian Quarles, `35

South Atlantic Prep Boxing Champion, 1934, and. Assistant Captain of team, 1935. Moved into the 125 pound class in 1934. Won with a TKO over a much larger Greenbrier fighter. Fought the W&L champion to a draw. Fought well against men from West Point and the U. S. Naval Academy.

Julian Quarles

Pete Lampman, `65

In 1964, he scored 487 points and in 1965, 546. Leading scorer on the team. Broke all AMA and Military League scoring records. In every game in which he participated, he was not only the top scorer but the top playmaker. One of the best to ever play basketball on AMA's hardwood. Founded the Commonwealth Games.

Pete Lampman

Jim Stillwagon, `67

Captain, AMA football team. All American at Ohio State. Elected to Ohio State and College Football Halls of Fame. Winner of first Lombardi Trophy as the nation's outstanding lineman. Played pro ball in the Canadian Football League. Wrestled, played baseball and ran track at AMA.

Jim Stillwagon

Frank Pilley

Frank Pilley, `51

AMA Tennis Team captain. Co-captain of the VMI Tennis Team. Played in two Virginia State individual tennis championships in singles and doubles. Coached tennis at Northern Virginia high schools. AMA Tennis Team Captain for the AMA-Fishburne Hudgins-Roller Cup alumni competition.

Burgess Whitehead

Burgess Whitehead, `27

General Roller said he was best baseball player ever at AMA. Went on to star at the University of North Carolina. Played for the St. Louis Cardinals (including two trips to the World Series) ending his pro career with the New York Giants. Was last surviving member of the Cardinals famous "Gas House Gang."

DID YOUR FAVORITE ATHLETE NOT GET CHOSEN FOR THE AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME THIS YEAR?

IT WAS A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR THE JUDGES WHO RECEIVED ALMOST 100 NOMINATIONS. SOME NOMINATIONS CAME WITH LOTS OF SUPPORTING MATERIAL. SOME NOMINATIONS CAME WITH ALMOST NOTHING. THE JUDGES DID WHAT RESEARCH THEY COULD ON THE PEOPLE NOMINATED, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT SOME WHO ARE WELL DESERVING WERE LEFT OFF THIS YEAR.

WELL, THERE IS NEXT YEAR AND THE YEAR AFTER THAT. ANNUALLY, WE WILL SEEK NOMINATIONS FOR AMA'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME. IF YOUR CANDIDATE DID NOT MAKE IT THIS YEAR, WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BAYONET THAT COMES OUT AFTER REUNION 2008 AND NOMINATE YOUR MAN AGAIN. BE SURE TO ACCOMPANY YOUR NOMINATION WITH AS MUCH SUPPORTING MATERIAL AS YOU CAN.

It just ain't fair...

There are several loyal volunteers who keep the AMA Alumni House/Museum open and functioning.

"The Faithful Four" who take at least a day a week are **Don Studer, Joe Josephson, Goodloe Saunders, `57,** and **Ben Zinkhan, `60**. Some other fellows are there often too: **Victor Gomez, `69, Clyde Ramsey, `49, Greg Pearce, `65, Warren Fleming, `72, Frank Spencer, `49**, and **Rod Willey, `51**.

There have been alumni who have come from far away to help out including **Tommy Clements, `50**, who came to Fort Defiance from Jackson, Mississippi (photo at right). Other alumni have come from Texas, North Carolina, California, Maryland and Florida to take their turn at the museum..

Yet, there are AMA alumni who live within a ten minute drive of the campus who have never once volunteered to help out. Many come to enjoy the reunion and to see old friends but don't seem to realize that it is volunteers who do all the work at the reunion so that other alumni can enjoy themselves.

It just ain't fair that so few take on so much while others don't pitch in. End of sermon – and you'll know if it is intended for you. If you determine that it is, call 540/248-3007 and tell The Faithful Four that you will take your turn at our alumni house. We'll all appreciate it.

TOMMY AND CLYDE - Just before Christmas, Tommy Clements, '50, came all the way from Jackson, Mississippi to take a turn volunteering at the museum. Here, he is shown with his old friend Clyde Ramsey, '49, by the Christmas Tree in the museum office.

Many AMA PX items now found on-line

Many items available from the AMA PX can now be found on the AMA web site – AMAAlumni.org.

"While you will not be able to shop on line, you can see photos of the items for sale in the PX and full descriptions of them," says AMA Webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, `70**. Orders can be placed to the AMA PX by e-mail at AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com, by FAX at 540/248-4533, or by phone at 540/248-3007 when using VISA, American Express, Discover or MasterCard.

AMA website upgraded

This past summer, the AMA website was upgraded to create much more disk space for less cost.

Webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, `70**, says, *"We were about 90 per cent of capacity prior to the upgrade. With the new arrangement, we are only using about 13 per cent of our capacity."*

HEADIN' SOUTH! - Charlotte and John Bullock, '64, stopped by the campus on their way from their home in Loch Sheldrake, NY to Florida. Many AMA alumni have discovered that there is still quite a bit going on in Fort Defiance when they travel on I-81 and see the big interstate signs pointing the way to the AMA Museum. Behind the Bullocks in this photo is the blackboard from Colonel Hoover's classroom on which visitors can pen messages.

HERE AND THERE - First, Astrid and Roberto Mena, '73, stopped through Fort Defiance to visit the campus. Above, left, in the PX. Ed Click, '50, got in touch with Roberto and told him that he and Sue were coming to Guatemala in December, so the Clicks and the Menas got together there, above, right. Mena is a graduate of Oklahoma State and has lived and worked in the jungle panhandle of Guatemala where he raises cattle and is involved with forestry. He also manufactures wooden items which are sold through IKEA and raises coffee in the highlands where he lives. And, yes, he promised Ed a cup of coffee and that's how they got together.

Joyce Zinkhan, faithful volunteer, doing better

Ben Zinkhan, `60, reports that Joyce is much improved and that her last chemo treatment was not as bad as the first three. She hopes to be finished with radiation treatments by March. Good news!

WELCOME BACK - Scott Johnson, '80, visits the AMA Museum where – under the watchful eye of Museum Volunteer Goodloe Saunders, '57 – he makes an entry in the guest book. Scott lives in San Jose, CA and hopes to get back to Fort Defiance for Reunion 2008.

Rosie the Riveter remembered

Ken Burns' *The War* detailed the impact of World War II on the San Francisco Bay area including a profile of women doing war work while the men were off in uniform. Now, in Richmond, CA, the Rosie the Riveter Home Front National Historic Park is open highlighting the war work women did in 1941-45.

The Richmond Shipyards produced 747 ships with women working around the clock. The park encompasses old shipyard buildings with many displays including everything from welding helmets to an ammunition ship.

Get more information at: www.rosietheriveter.org

(Thanks to Virgina Hallock for leading us to this story)

AMA Alumni Association / Foundation
Treasurer's Summary Report
December 31, 2007

ASSOCIATION:

Association Current Assets:		
Total Beginning Current Assets		**$3,580.51**
Total Donations/Receipts (including R07, PX, CC Donations)	$51,629.81	
Transfer to Foundation	-$23,958.05	
Expenses (R07, PX, Bank Charges)	-$30,272.74	
Association total current assets balance 12/31/07		**$979.53**
(This account is used for the reunion, PX and associated activities)		

FOUNDATION:

Foundation Current Assets:		
Beginning Balances as of 1/1/07:		
Foundation Checking Account	$1,727.09	
Planters Money Market Account	$25,148.02	
Raymond James Fund	$233,992.91	
Planters Bank CD's	$16,206.48	
TOTAL BEGINNING CURRENT ASSETS		**$277,074.50**
DONATIONS / INCOME		
Total Donations / Receipts	$112,951.04	
Raymond James Income (Unrealized Gain)	$9,345.90	
CD Interest Income	$387.48	
TOTAL DONATIONS / INCOME		**$122,684.42**
EXPENSES		
Wages , Taxes	-$41,257.59	
House Expenses (Rent, Elec, Gas, Phone, Supplies)	-$34,934.19	
Scholarships (1/2 Legacy)	-$17,570.00	
Bayonet (includes Printing & Postage)	-$34,921.01	
TOTAL EXPENSES		**-$128,682.79**
TRANSFER FROM ASSOCIATION		**$23,958.05**
(Donations, PX excess, R07)		
Ending Balances as of 12/31/07		
Foundation Checking Account	$27,663.57	
Planters Money Market Account	$0.00 *	
Raymond James Fund	$310,097.64 **	
Planters Bank CD's	$0.00 **	
Total Ending Current Assets		**$337,761.21**

*Money Market Account closed and deposited to Raymond James

** CD's were cashed in and rolled into Raymond James account on March 21, 2007

12/31/07

In Washington, DC area

Foundation trustees, association board meet

The AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees met in Northern Virginia on a cold Friday in January and the AMA Alumni Association Board convened at the Congressional Country Club the next day to hear that finances are in good order and the future looks bright.

The Trustees heard **Treasurer Ed Click, `50**, report that the Foundation investment portfolio *"is following the market and performing well during the market's ups and downs."* AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, `71**, praised the Finance Committee chaired by **Dr. Richard Whitaker, `72**, for its role in getting the AMA financial house in order.

Future grants were discussed at both meetings. **Tina Shafer**, Foundation Administrator, has been attending seminars on grant writing while Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson, `60**, has been meeting with decision makers at the Virginia General Assembly with the valuable aid of **Bud Oakey, `70**. **Warren Fleming, `72**, reported that he has been in conversations with Virginia State **Senator Emmett Hanger**, thanking him for helping get the first grant of $9,500 from the State and paving the way for more. Shafer asked trustees and board members to determine if their employers offer matching grants.

Williamson advised the boards of a generous contribution from **Bill McVey, `60**, of stock worth about $27,000 to be used to create a new scholarship in honor of his aunt and uncle who raised him. The trustees reaffirmed the decision to grant four $3,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships at Reunion 2008 while approving $2,000 to continue support of the VMI Scholarship Fund. The Trustees at their April meeting will determine how many scholarships will be awarded in 2009 and in what amount. Scholarship Chairman **Chris Meek, `84**, said he expects to see many applications for the 2008 stipends before the 22 March deadline.

Frank Spencer, `49, reported on the new scholarship fund for relatives of AMA alumni created by **Fishburne Military School** while Williamson said that Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia may also provide a legacy scholarship. Williamson is working with Bud Oakey in exchanging information with Riverside.

Roller Society Chairman **Gordon Metz, `68**, announced six new Roller Society members including Foundation Administrator Tina Shafer.

Reunion 2008 Chairman **Luke Snyder, `60**, said that plans for the reunion are on target. *"We particularly want to emphasize the Saturday program,"* he said. *"We will honor the 'Women of AMA' in Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery. Immediately following that, there will be the dedication of the Roller Society Memorial Garden in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum. At the noon luncheon, the first AMA Sports Hall of Famers will be inducted which should be a very high moment for us all. After lunch, the Roller Rifles and the Massanutten Drill team will perform followed by the popular 'knock out' drill. And there will be a Civil War cannonade on the Drill Field. Quite day, I would say!"*

THE AMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD meets at the Congressional Country Club just outside the Nation's Capital, hosted by Blaine Clarke, '72. Clockwise beginning front, left, Victor Gomez, '69, Clarke, Gordon Metz, '68, Brett Thompson, '75, Warren Fleming, '72, Goodloe Saunders, '57, and Norvell West, '83.

In other actions:

- The Virginia War Memorial is in editing and will be ready to view at Reunion 2008 but some $16,000 still needs to be raised to pay for this $50,000 project.
- **Ed Chauncey, `49**, has not been able to continue leading the record examination project. **Goodloe Saunders, `57**, will get the project moving again.
- **Norvell West, `83**, will be asked the chair a revitalized fund raising committee.
- **Ben Zinkhan, `60**, and West hope to work with the Boy Scouts so that the AMA Museum will be a field trip for Eagle Scouts.
- The two boards authorized a letter of commendation to **Senator John Chichester, `55**, for his long and devoted service in the Virginia State Senate.
- Recognizing the antiquity of the present *Bayonet* editor, **Rick Smail, `67**, will attempt to recruit "apprentice editors" to help out and one day take the editor's job.
- The trustees discussed the possible need for D&O insurance. Treasurer Click and Trustee **Rod Willey, `51**, are investigating.
- Meek suggested a "Legacy Corner" in *The Bayonet*.
- The Foundation continues to administer the Blue Ridge Community College Scholarship Fund set up by **Clyde Ramsey, `49**, in memory of his wife.
- **Blaine Clarke, `72**, who is with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice, asked the trustees to consider offering a scholarship to a young man who has had a troubled past and are headed in the wrong direction. Several alumni quoted **General Roller** who was often heard to say, *"I never met a bad boy."*

FROM MICKEY'S FILES - Rod Willey, `51, found these photos in some of the late Mickey Gordon's effects. Above, at an AMA Alumni Association Board meeting in 1971. L. to r., front row, the late Mickey Gordon, `39, President of the Association; Ben Beard, `65; Steve Trent, `70; Dave Conrad, `59; George Holt, `60; and the late Les Higbee, `35. Back row, the late Dr. John Young, `40; Colonel Mal Livick; Duke Fancher, `58; Sturges Bryan, `58; and the late John Morris, `49. Below, Founders Day ceremonies in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery, 1971, at the grave of AMA's founder, Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr. Colonel Livick is speaking.

The Valley Pike

"The Long Grey Trail" was at first the Indian Road up and down the Shenandoah Valley. After it was cleared and widened by the white settlers it was known at the "Great Wagon Road," and later as the "Stage Road."

Between 1835 and 1840 it was macadamized from Winchester through Strasburg, Woodstock, Mount Jackson, New Market and Lacey Spring to Harrisonburg, and a few years later to Staunton.

Thereafter it was called the "Valley Turnpike" or simply the "Valley Pike," with tollgates at five-mile intervals, tolls being collected until 1918 when it was taken over entirely by the State.

Since then it has been widened, straightened and generally improved and marked as U. S. Route 11.

From The Lincolns of Virginia by John W. Wayland published in 1946 before the inter-state highway system came into being. The fact that the road was macadamized from Staunton to New Market must have helped the VMI cadets who marched into the Battle of New Market from Lexington in 1864. The nearest toll house to AMA is across U.S. 11 from Willow Spout and White Hall. The house was occupied in the late 1940's and early 1950's by Colonel and Mrs. William Louisell.

For generations, Virginians have savored the sweet delight of Shenandoah Valley Apple Cider. Now, you too can savor that sweet delight with a selection of ciders bottled specifically for AMA!

Gold top with an aerial view of the AMA campus on the label - Sparkling Cider

Red top with view of AMA Alumni House/Museum on label - Sparkling Mulled Cider

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Silver top with AMA Alumni logos - Sparkling Blush Cider

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Four bottles for only $20

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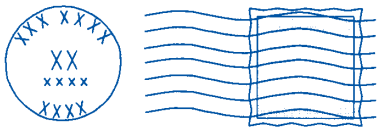
Letters to the Editor



Remembering Jack Jansing

I appreciate the article you did on my best and dearest friend, **Jack Jansing, `43**. We were born on the same day in the same year, graduated from AMA together and went into the Navy at the same time in World War II. I used to spend lots of time at Jack's house in Washington and his mom was like a second mother to me. Jack, **Bill Yount** and I were like the three musketeers!

We will truly miss my dear friend, Jack.

Bob Guggenheimer, `43
guggenheimer@teleline.es **Madrid, Spain**

More on Jack Jansing

I attended the memorial service for Jack in the chapel on Jupiter Island, Florida representing AMA and all of our alumni. Former President and Mrs. Bush also attended.

The chapel was completely filled with temporary seats outside and many people left standing. Tributes to Jack were impressive as was his life of absolute integrity living up to the goals set for us by AMA.

After the service, the family held a very cordial reception at the Jupiter Island Club where I met Jack's wife, Shelly, and their children – John, Carolina and Chris. I remained for the family dinner and had a chance to talk about Jacks' days at Augusta.

The family really did appreciate the article in the last issue of the best alumni publication in the country.

Angus Hines, `43
angushines@aol.com **Norfolk, VA**

Tommy Clements at the AMA Museum

I flew up to Virginia to volunteer for the weekend at our museum. Coming just before Christmas, we didn't have many visitors as usual but it was all quite an experience for me.

The first day in Fort Defiance, I took a stroll down memory lane – to the back of the Mess Hall where CW Barracks used to stand, beside Main Barracks where the tennis courts used to be (I had the feeling that we were getting ready for a tennis match!), and the old road leading to the Pfeiffer House on Bald Rock Road.

I went up the hill behind Big Barracks and looked out at the Blue Ridge – as beautiful as ever!

I was very proud of the way the museum looks. **Ben Zinkhan, Don Studer, Sergeant Joe** and **Tina** appear to be working with a lot of love for the place.

Had dinner one night with **Clyde Ramsey, `49**, and **Frank Spencer, `49**. They have not changed a bit except maybe for the better. Frank, along with **Dick Nolan, `50**, made my efforts at Headquarters Company rewarding. It was great seeing them! I look forward to the reunion.

Tommy Clements, `50
tclements7@comcast.net **Jackson, MS**

Happy New Year from Sweden

I hope that 2008 will bring happiness and much needed peace to all members of the AMA family.

We have had a strange Winter here in Sweden so far – almost no snow and mild temperatures. Unusual weather for the "freezer."

Hope all is well at our school.

Rod Rodriguez, `62
warlock1@telia.com **Skutskar, Sweden**

The Ad Astra article

I enjoyed reading the article about how the phrase *Ad Astra per Aspera* came into being (Fall 2007). Those four Latin words bound us together from the moment we stepped under the engraved motto above the Front Arch in Big Barracks for the first time.

Becoming a member of the Ad Astra Society was the goal of every cadet and we looked forward to Finals when the names of the ten new Ad Astras would be annouced.

I also enjoyed the article about **Jack Manch, `38**. His father, **Major Martin Manch**, was my 8th grade teacher and the Director of the AMA Band. For every occasion in the Big Room, Major and Mrs. Manch perfomed a violin and piano duo. I was very fond of their music because it was played always to perfection!

Thanks for the very excellent job being done on *The Bayonet.* I wouldn't miss getting my copy for the world.

Duncan Wong, `52
dwong33@cableonda.net **Panama City, Panama**

We welcome your letters which we have the right to edit to fit available space.

If you were at AMA between 1975 and 1984*, you didn't have a

* The Class of 1981 had a 24 page memory book

Since no yearbooks were published during those years, the AMA Alumni House/Museum has very little information about those final years at Augusta.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR THINGS FROM THOSE YEARS THAT WILL HELP TELL THE STORY OF THE LAST NINE YEARS THAT AMA WAS OPEN. Bayonets, photos, stories, uniform items - whatever you might have.

WE WILL ACCEPT ANYTHING YOU HAVE WITH THE FIRM PROMISE TO RETURN THE ITEMS TO YOU QUICKLY!

If you send us pictures, please identify the people in the photos - if you can. The more you can tell us, the better we can start to tell the story of your time at AMA. WE WILL TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF THESE PRECIOUS ITEMS AND GET THEM BACK TO YOU PROMPTLY.

Contact us at the AMA Alumni House/Museum, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437
Questions? E-mail us at AMAAlumniHouse.org, call 540/248-3007, or FAX 540/248-4533

WE NEED THE KIND OF HELP ONLY YOU CAN GIVE!

100 YEARS AGO

It is Spring in 1908. You can tell by the leafy trees reflected in the windows that it is likely late April or May.

This is the first photo taken of the AMA Corps of Cadets and faculty after AMA's Founder, **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.** had passed away in August of 1907.

The professor's sons - **Thomas** and **Charles, Jr.** - had been called home to take over the school for its 33rd session (if we accept 1874 as the year of AMA's founding).

Colonel Tom Roller would lead Augusta to academic excellence in the 39 years he would serve as co-principal until his death in 1946.

Major/Colonel/General Charles Roller would spend 56 years at Augusta until he died in 1963.

In the picture, five faculty members are pictured at the rear of the cadets. General Roller - the Big Boy - is first on the left and to his right is Colonel Tom. We have not been able to identify the other three faculty members.

Note that the cadets are bareheaded while a figure of caps to their front spells out "08." Notice the style of the caps which were standard issue at AMA until around World War One.

Where was the picture taken? On the front steps of the old house which is now the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

Along the front row are some very young boys, one in the center resting comfortably on what must have been the First Captain or his 1908 equivalent considering the number of stripes on his sleeve.

We count about 60 cadets in all in the photo. At the far right, second row, is a young man in civilian clothes. Who might he be and why would he be in the photo?

There were not many smiles in evidence but the normal instructions from the 1908 photographer would be, "Hold very still. Hold your breath." Even outdoor pictures like this one required the shutter to stay open a bit to record the image on the slow film of the day.

This picture is one of the many irreplaceable treasures in the AMA Museum. How wonderful it is that we have so many memories on display in This Old House.

Roller Society offers a way to help AMA after you are gone

The Roller Society – named in honor of AMA's founder and his sons who followed so diligently in their father's footsteps – offers a painless way to assure that there will still be AMA Legacy Scholarships, an AMA Museum and *The Bayonet* to keep us linked.

The Society enables an alumnus or AMA friend to arrange a deferred gift to the AMA Alumni Foundation. It can be as simple as one line in a will or other bequest. If taxes and your survivors are of concern, there are other vehicles such as stocks, life insurance, bonds and such instruments.

We never ask the value of an intended gift – only that you declare your intention to make a gift. You may even do this anonymously, if you so choose.

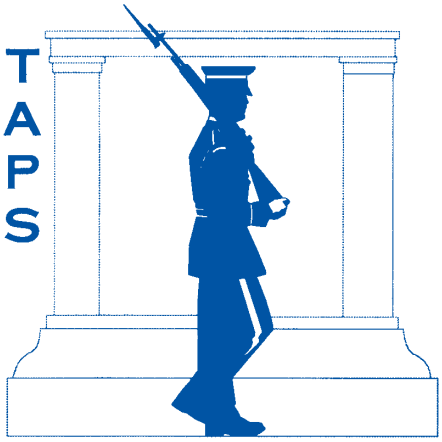
We DO ask that you ensure that your heirs and executors understand your intentions. You could do this by placing a copy of your pledge among your personal papers.

Look at the Roller Society logo, right. It indicates what gifts to the Society do: they will echo down the years, helping make higher education available to young people who may never have heard of AMA. They will enable the continued operation of the AMA Museum and the publication of *The Bayonet*, the golden thread that binds us together.

When you make a pledge to the Roller Society, your name will be inscribed on the Society plaque in the AMA Museum. It will be included on the Roller Society roster which will be printed in the newsletter at least twice each year. At the annual reunion following your death, a memorial brick will be dedicated to your memory at the AMA Alumni House/Museum and your family will be invited to attend the ceremonies.

If you have questions, call us at 540/248-3007 or e-mail us at: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

The Roller Society



Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to
The AMA Chaplain
Frank Spencer, '49
506 Old Charleston Road
Waynesboro, VA 22980
540/943-2633
2frankspencer@myway.com

Dr. Myron Boone, '32
17 March 1987. No details.

David C. Boy, Jr., '33
20 December 2007, in Appleton, WI. Graduate of Georgia Tech and the School of Management, University of Pittsburgh. Served in World War II, discharged from the U.S. Air Force at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Spent 34 years in management at Dan River Mills in Danville, VA. 49 year Rotarian. Board of American Red Cross, local chapter. Danville Cancer Association. Sunday School teacher, deacon and chairman of the board. First Baptist Church, Danville, for 60 years. Survived by a son, David, III, of Cumming, GA; a daughter, Diane Boy Harper of Appleton; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren; a brother, John Boy, of LaBelle, FL. At AMA: Peep football, track, wrestling team, Honor Roll, Bible Class, D Company.

David Boy, 1933 *Recall*

George T. Leatherman, '39
17 December 2007, at Old Fields, WV, 88. Retired farmer. Superintendent of the Moorefield Presbyterian Sunday School. Past patron, Eastern Star. Shriner from Osiris Temple, Wheeling. Hardy County (WV) Farm Bureau. Survived by his wife of 67 years, Nellie Ours Leatherman of Old Fields; a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, George, III, both of Old Fields; five grandchildren including Albert Ray Leatherman, and AMA Legacy Scholarship winner; four step-grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. At AMA: captain of both the baseball and football teams; 2nd lieutenant, A Company; boxing team; voted best athlete; runner-up in S.A. Boxing Tournament; secretary, Honor Committee; Cotillion Club; Monogram Club.

George Leatherman, 1939 *Recall*

Henry Steiner Dunbar, III, '44
22 October 2007, at home, Richmond, 80. Graduate of VMI, Class of 1948B. U.S. Army veteran with service in the Korean War where he earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Owner, Dorset and Dunbar, a candy brokerage company. Survived by his wife of 57 years, Doris, and one daughter, Margaret Dunbar-Amos. At AMA: Ad Astra per Aspera, 1st sergeant, Headquarters Company. *Bayonet* staff. Honor Committee. Voted most studious cadet. Reported by **Jay Fox, `53, Buddy McCausland, `39,** and **Lew Mundin, `53.**

Henry Dunbar, 1944 *Recall*

J. Victor Arthur, `44
24 August 2007, at home, Winchester, 81. Attended Handley High School before coming to Augusta. University of Virginia, Phi Kappa Psi. Army veteran of World War II and Korea with service in the Philippines and Germany. After 40 years, retired in 1989 as executive vice president of J.V. Arthur Insurance, a company founded by his father. Former President, Virginia Association of Insurance Agents. Former President, Winchester Exchange Club. Cub Scoutmaster. Board, Winchester Apple Blossom Festival. SCORE, Senior Corps of Retired Executives. Survived by his wife, Susan Knight Arthur; four children, John Victor, III of Midlothian, VA, Susan Arthur of Vienna, VA, and Thomas and Benjamin of Winchester; five grandsons and two sisters, Elizabeth Kohler of Stowe, Vermont and Robbin Jordan of Virginia Beach. At AMA: Company B, varsity football.

Victor Arthur, 1944 *Recall*

Robert Beck, `44
24 November 2007, UVA Medical Center. Retired to live in Staunton after having spent nineteen years as a Senior Analyst for the City of Los Angeles. Survived by his wife, Faye, two step children and a sister.

Robert Beck, 1944 *Recall*

James B. Shadle, `46
6 December 2007, Williamsburg, 80. Attended West Virginia University but withdrew in 1948 to help with the family farm. Remained on the farm for 30 years. Survived by his wife, Carol; a daughter, Linda Harrell of Richmond; and grandson Jeffreys Harrell; and two nieces. Sergeant, guidon bearer, A Company. Reported by **Bud Lafollette, `50**

James Shadle, 1946 *Recall*

John J. Pappas, `47

27 July 2007, in Hampton, VA, cancer. Graduate of the University of Miami. 20 years in the U.S. Air Force with assignments in Korea, Greece, Greenland and a number of U.S. bases. General Manager, Southeast Weather Consultants, Atlanta. Manager of Flight Planning for Western Airlines in Los Angeles. Manager of Delta Airlines Weather Center in Atlanta until retirement in 1993. An amateur musician, he first played in the AMA Jazz Orchestra with his brother **Pete Pappas, Jerry Izenberg** and others. Member, International Association of Jazz Education. Worked with the U.S. Weather Bureau in developing the first orbiting weather satellite. Survived by his wife, Peggy; a son, Jim, of Torrance, CA; his two daughters, Niki Cooper of Newport News and Alicia Modarressi of Cincinnati; his brother, Pete, of Berryville, VA; and his sisters, Frances Parkard and Mary Coffinberger, both of Winchester; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. At AMA: Tech sergeant, Band Company, AMA Orchestra leader. Reported by his brother, **Pete Pappas, `49**.

John Pappas, 1947 *Recall*

Richard C. Nolan, `50

11 November 2007. Story on page 27.

Jordan A. Pugh, IV, `57

12 November 2007, at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, 70. Retired as a systems analyst at NAVSYSCOM. Later a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker. President, Army-Navy Fishing Club. Past President, Old Dominion University Alumni Association. Marine Corps Reserve, intelligece chief aviation, S-2, VMA-233. Attended Norfolk Academy, William and Mary, University of Virginia with graduate work at the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania. Survived by his wife of 35 years, Ardith Rockar Pugh; one son, David, of Strasburg, VA; and a brother, Henry of Norfolk. At AMA: Ad Astra per Aspera. Staffs of *The Bayonet* and *The Recall.* Battalion sergeant-major, fencing team, Cotillion Club. Jordan had been trying to put together a "mini-reunion" of AMA alumni in Tidewater. Reported by **Angus Hines, `43**, and **Jim Lane, `49**.

Jordan Pugh, 1957 *Recall*

Anthony Festa, `66

No details or date of death.

Craig Lynn, III, `66

23 June 2001, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Wescoville, PA, 54. Self employed insurance agent. Army veteran with service in Vietnam. Member, St. Thomas More Church, Salisbury Township, cantor and choir member. Theater group. Survived by his wife, his mother, a daughter, two sons, and a sister. At AMA: Honor Military Student, soccer, JV basketball.

Above, Anthony Festa Below Craig Lynn, 1966 *Recall*

Rocco V. Amedeo, `67

1 November 2007, at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Binghamton, NY, 60. Survived by his children, Jennifer Biringer of Midlothian, VA and Paul Amedeo of Topsail Beach, NC; five grandchildren; a sister, Concetta Kirby of Beltsville, MD; and a brother, Joseph, of Severna Park, MD. At AMA: sergeant; JV football; lacrosse; Privilege List. Reported by his best friend **Jerry Peirano, `67**, of Long Island, NY.

Rocco Amedeo, 1967 *Recall*

John A. Ramsey, III, `73

25 December 2007, at home, heart attack, 48. Native of Isle of Wight County, VA. Graduate of NC State University. Survived by his mother, Mildred, of Ivor, VA; one sister, Mildred; and two brothers, Reed and Edwin. His father, **John "Jack" Ramsey, Jr., `48**, died in 2006. At AMA: JV football; JV lacrosse; Band Company. Honor Roll. Reported by **Jim Lane, `49**.

John Ramsey, 1973 *Recall*

How to turn this into this

All contributions to the AMA Alumni Foundation are tax deductible. When you figure out your income tax for 2007, calculate what you would have saved in taxes with a contribution to AMA last year. Then, look ahead a year when you will be filing your 2008 return and send a check today!

Many companies have what are called "matching funds." It means that if you make a contribution to a non-profit (like the AMA Alumni Foundation), your company will match those funds. So, if you give $100 to AMA, for example, your company might give $100 also! This is a PERFECT WAY to see your donation really count. Check with the Human Resources Department at your company to see if they have a program like this. Contact us at 540/248-3007 if you have any questions, or e-mail us at: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

Grant possibilities explored by AMA

Tina Shafer, AMA Alumni Foundation Administrator, says that there is *"state, federal and private grant money to be had for good projects and we are going after some of it."*

Encouraged by the first grant from the State of Virginia which was recieved last year, **Bud Oakey, `70**, Chairman of the Natural History Committee and a lobbyist at the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond, has met with Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson, `60**, and **State Senator Emmett Hanger (R-VA)** to determine if there are grant monies available to the AMA Museum. Hanger represents Augusta County in the State Senate.

Oakey has also talked with **Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)**, the U.S. Congressman who represents Augusta County. Congressman Goodlatte toured the museum last Fall and made a personal contribution to the Foundation. There may be some Federal funds available for historic research.

Want another night on AMA campus?

Would you like to spend just one more night on the AMA campus?

The Pentecostal Church which owns the AMA buildings and grounds has converted Davis Hall or the Davis Building (J Barracks) into a mini-motel.

There are two rooms with one queen size bed for $45 a night, and six rooms with two queen beds for $55 a night.

Each room has a refrigerator, microwave and its own bath/shower. Each room also has high speed internet and air conditioning.

No smoking or alcohol is permitted. If you are interested in a room for the reunion or for any other time, contact Reverend Greg Douglas at 540/248-1862.

Send in the BLUE registration form right away. Be in Fort Defiance on 24-25-26 April for Reunion 2008 and the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.

Discount for American flights to AMA cruise

American Airlines will offer special fares for anyone traveling to Miami for the third annual AMA Cruise.

Tom DelValle, `73, Senior Vice President of Domestic Operations for American, said that the special promotional fee to and from Miami will be valid from 24 September to 7 October 2008. *"Tickets must be purchased on line at www.aa.com,"* Tom says.

When contacting American, refer to Discount Code Number A 4898 AE.

The cruise will leave Miami on 27 September for seven nights with stops at Cozumel, Mexico, Grand Cayman and Ocho Rios, Jamaica aboard the Carnival *Liberty*. The ship features an abundance of duty-free shops, dining options, bars, clubs, on board optional activities and a new 12 feet high by 22 feet long LED screen located poolside on the Lido deck showing sports events, movies, concerts and other programming. See complete details in the full page ad on page 29.

SPOTLIGHT on BILLY BERROA, `81

Baseball in the past, voice-over-internet in the future

Like so many young boys who came to AMA, **Billy Berroa, `81**, was very homesick at first and perhaps with some better reasons than most of us had for feeling that way. Back in the Dominican Republic, his father had done the first Spanish language broadcast of a Major League Baseball game and was known from border to border and beyond, and partly because of his father's fame, young Billy had many friends in the DR.

But now, here he was in the Fall of 1975, all alone in J Barracks, knowing almost no English and far from home and family. Little did this homesick boy realize that over the next six years, he would rise to be the second in command of the AMA Corps of Cadets.

Billy was not studying hard back home and wanted to play sports more than he wanted to crack the books. His father told him that if he didn't start making better grades he was going to send him away to school in the United States and like Brer Rabbit and the briar patch, Billy practically pleaded to be sent to the U.S. He quit studying altogether and flunked sixth grade.

"My father saw what I was doing and was very angry but my Mother thought that it would be best for me to come to the U.S. and she won out," he says. So they began to look through prep school catalogs. Once upon a time, his Dad took him to Fort Defiance, Virginia where Billy thought they were just checking out the military school located there, but then his Dad drove away leaving Billy with **Colonel Livick** who sent him to J Barracks. The homesick new cadet soon made friends with **Alex Vence, `76**, who told him that every new boy went through being homesick and that he would get over it. Billy said, *"It took a while as I didn't want to obey the rules at first. I had my butt beaten several times but it didn't really hurt me. I soon learned of the good feeling you have when you do your best. This is one of AMA's great gifts to me."*

COVER BOY - Cadet Billy Berroa, '81, on the cover of the AMA catalog.

Christmas vacation came and instead of going home, Billy spent the first of several Holidays with the Livick family. ***"Colonel** and **Mrs. Livick** were like a second family to me,"* he says. Says Colonel Livick, *"Billy was a wonderful boy and Linda and I enjoyed having him stay with us. We keep hoping that he will come back to a reunion so that we can see him again."*

Colonel Savedge helped him learn English and as he adjusted to life at Augusta, **Colonel Hoover** took Billy under his wing. *"I remember going into town with him to collect empty cups from McDonalds,"* Billy recalls. *"Colonel Hoover was playing the com-pany's Monopoly game and hoped to win big so that he could raise some money for the fencing team. I don't think he ever won anything at all."* Those moments of bonding did not stop Hoover from throwing an occasional eraser at Billy in class.



Top, left, Billy with Edgar Renteria. Top, center, Billy and his mother, Carmen Olmos Berroa, at AMA in 1980. Top, right, interviewing Moises Alou at an All Star Game. Below, with Miguel Tejada.

He considers **Todd Livick, `81**, one of his best friends but now confesses 27 years later that he and another cadet flipped Todd's bed and put shaving cream all over it. (We assume that the statute of limitations has run on this one!) Todd, **Jamie Barnett, Jorge Chulia** and **Ricky Clary** were good friends as were **Fuentes, Paz** and the **Beneventis**.

His senior year, he was the Executive Officer of the Battalion and following graduation, he attended a culinary arts school in Rhode Island for a while, but he really wanted to go into the military. His Dad counseled against it telling Billy that the United States gets involved into too many wars and Billy began to think about joining his Dad in a broadcasting career.

Began Spanish language play by play

In 1963, Billy's father Porfirio Antonio Berroa Carbucia began broadcasting Major League Baseball in Spanish including the postseason games and the Baseball All Star games from 1987 through 2004. He covered the New York Mets Spanish broadcasts between 1987 and 1993, then rejoined the team from 1997 to 2007, mainly on Radio WADO. He covered the Caribbean Series, the Olympic Games and professional boxing plus Winter League baseball in the Dominican Republic for 50 years, the last 27 years with the Escogido Lions Club. In 1998, he was elected to the Dominican Sports Hall of Fame.

Billy went home one summer and joined a TV show for children where the handsome young man learned to be comfortable before the camera. At age fourteen, he was doing TV interviews. One Christmas when he went back home, he attended a basketball game that was being broadcast by his Dad whose partner had been taken ill. The producer asked young Billy – then fifteen years old – to fill in and as Billy sat down at the broadcast table his father asked, *"What the hell are you doing here?"* But after the game, *"Dad said that I had a good broadcast voice and a good attitude. He encouraged me to continue and I started practicing announcing in the bathroom to get the inflections just right."*

Around 1988, Billy did a Spanish language game for the Yankee organization. *"When there was a game on the West Coast, we had a friend out there who would put the telephone next to the TV set and we would recreate the game from what we heard."* Later, he recreated games from a teletype ticker.

Today, he writes for the daily paper *Hoy*, the largest circulation paper in the DR. In 1994, he began a series recognizing Hispanic baseball players which is taped before a live audience once a week during the MLB season and in 1996, he covered the playoffs and World Series for Time Warner. In 2001, he became the Spanish voice of the Philadelphia Phillies. He covered the World Series for FOX Sports World in 2002. For 19 years, he has done a show called *Extra Innings in New York* during the entire 182 game MLB season and the show is now on *Telemundo.*

He feels that he owes everything to his Dad who passed away this past October: he is working to have his Dad inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Billy's best memory of him was when he and his Dad did the Spanish broadcast of a Phillies-Mets game with Billy calling the game for the Phillies and his Dad doing the broadcast for the Mets.

Voice Over Internet Protocol

When the baseball season ends, Billy devotes almost full time to a telecommunication franchise that he is expanding nationwide in concert with his former wife. *"It's the way the world will be soon,"* he says. *"It is VOIP or Voice Over Internet Protocol which Harvard University says will have 50 million subscribers in the next decade."*

Says Billy Berroa, *"AMA was a place where I became more mature. I met so many people – some good and some not – but most of all it was a big family. I can't thank Colonel Livick and Mrs. Livick enough for all the care and hospitality they gave me in my six years at Augusta. Other AMA faculty were a big part of my life. I owe them a lot."*

For more information on Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), log on to: www.billyberroa.com

Beat Virginia's #1 team

Tony Randolph,`80, shocked hoops world 25 years ago

It has been called the biggest upset in the history of college basketball. Chaminade 77, number one Virginia 72.

Chaminade – an 800 student school in Honolulu that did not even have a gymnasium – beat the nation's top team led by seven-foot-four center Ralph Sampson who was on his way to his third straight national player of the year award. The game against Chaminade was to be only "a pit stop in paradise" for the UVA team just returning from playing two games in Japan. At 8-0, the Cavs seemed on their way to a return trip to the Final Four.

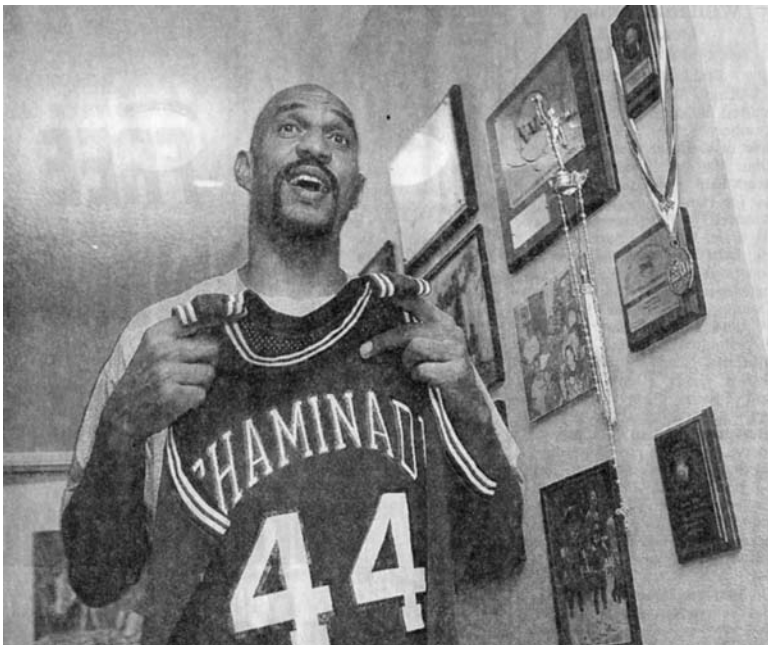
Chaminade was founded in Honolulu in 1955 by Catholic educators at a site which had served as a military hospital in World War Two. The school, then and now, rents a gym from a local high school. The plan was to rename the school Honolulu University but the old name stayed because of all the attention the unlikely win received from the public.

Tony Randolph, `80, was originally from Washington, DC but he lost both parents at an early age. He went to live with an aunt in Staunton and attended Robert E. Lee High School. Because he was not doing well in academics, he transferred to AMA in the fall of 1979.

Coach Doug Lucas said that *"Tony was a great athlete and a good kid. He was the best player I ever coached but he didn't spend enough time on his studies and failed an exam just after Christmas which disqualified him to stay on the team."* Lucas convinced Tony to go back to Lee and work on his grades which would give him an opportunity of going to college, perhaps with a scholarship.

At AMA, Tony averaged about 30 points a game and took an average of 15 rebounds. After he left the Blue Streak squad, the team didn't win another game the rest of the year. Lucas said that in his opinion, *"Tony outplayed Ralph Sampson and I told people that long before the game that turned basketball upside down 25 years ago."*

On a visit to his brother who was in the Air Force stationed in Honolulu, Tony was approached about attending Chaminade. He accepted the offer from a school whose basketball coach was a part-timer earning $2,000 for the entire season with an annual budget of less than one hundred dollars!



TONY RANDOLPH, playing for lightly regarded Chaminade, scored 19 points against UVA, the nation's number one team, on 23 December 1982.

Before he went to AMA, Tony and Sampson had played high school basketball against each other: Sampson at Harrisonburg High School and Tony at Lee. At six-seven, Tony was a center on paper and a shooting guard on the floor. Playing defense against bigger players left him banged up after every game. In the game against UVA, the Wahoos had small forwards taller than Randolph.

"Everyone played bigger than their size," says the 45 year old Randolph who lives in Ewa Beach, Hawaii where he works with troubled youths. *"Everyone's heart was bigger than what you would see on paper."* In the Virginia game, Tony finished with 19 points on nine-of-twelve shooting and held Sampson in check for the entire game. The Chaminade philosophy was simple: any time Sampson got the ball, he was double covered and harassed into forced passes, bad shots or turnovers. Big Ralph had recently recovered from pneumonia but those who saw the game say he played as well and as hard as ever.

Former Virginia Coach Terry Holland said he figured his team would find a way in the last minutes to win the game. At halftime, the score was 43-43 and Chaminade fans were beginning to think about losing by no more than ten points or so which would be a great moral victory for the little school. But as the clock ticked off the final seconds of the game, the Silverswords showed no signs of fading.

Pat Tanibe who officiated at the game said it didn't hit him until afterwards what a great event he had seen. *"Here we are 25 years later and we are still talking about it,"* he says.

Chaminade finished the season 32-4 and lost in the NAIA tournament. Virginia lost to North Carolina State one game shy of the Final Four.

Randolph says that the game shaped his life in many ways. He has framed photos of the game in the hallway of his home along with plaques from that season.

"It was life changing," he says. *"It was a sense of believing in something. A sense of family."*

In many ways, Tony believes it was destiny: *"For myself and the other players on our team, it was meant to be. There is no question: it was not a fluke."*

Augusta Military Academy's basketball team – 30 years ago in 1978 coached by Sergeant Joe Josephson

Iraq photo display under consideration

A bicoastal effort is under way to exhibit some photos shot in Iraq by **Roger Mullis, `76**.

Duke Fancher, `58**, who lives in Virginia and **Jerry Wildman, `57, who lives in Washington State are working with **Roger Mullis, `76**, who lives in California to arrange a display of his Iraq War photos in Fort Defiance. Mullis was in Iraq with the 5th Marine Regiment when it was commanded by then **Colonel Larry Nicholson, `75**, who has since been promoted to brigadier general.

Mullis is to provide captions for the pictures he would like to exhibit at the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

Looking for a new, faster computer

The AMA Alumni Foundation very badly needs a new, faster computer.

Tina Shafer, Foundation Administrator, estimates that the new PC *"would cost around $1,200. We have a museum software program called 'PastPerfect' which will do a lot for us but only if we have a more up-to-date computer."*

A new computer is but one thing on the "Wish List" for the volunteers who work at the museum. The complete list will be found on page 68.

Tina has been to a number of training sessions for PastPerfect and believes that there can be many efficiencies with a faster computer.

Going on the AMA Cruise? You'll need to have a passport!

All citizens of the United States must now have passports to travel outside U. S. territory. This includes those who are going on the AMA Alumni Cruise in September.

The new rule went into effect on 31 January. **Ozzie Ferro, `53**, who has planned the cruise, says that because of these new rules, it is taking *"as much as three months to get a new passport and maybe that long just to renew one. If you're going on the cruise in September, you had better get started on getting a passport if you don't have a valid one."*

Preview at Reunion 2008

AMA vet interviews for Virginia War Memorial have been completed

All of the interviews have been taped and the Virginia War Memorial is at this writing editing and compiling the war stories told to the camera by 17 AMA veterans and one important AMA lady.

Project Manager **Mac McInnis, `67**, says that the 18 interviews done produced nearly 18 hours of video. *"The editors liken the process they are in now to putting together a jigsaw puzzle without the picture on the box, but I am sure they will produce a good product,"* says McInnis.

The DVD should be ready for viewing at Reunion 2008. A portion of the program may be shown at the Friday evening Awards Banquet with the entire 26 minute program available for viewing in a yet to be specified location at the reunion.

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A thumbnail sketch of the those interviewed follows:

■ **Frank Spencer, `49,** is a civil engineer and was a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force with a tour in Vietnam as well as in the Arctic on the DEW (distant early warning) line where it got down to 52 below zero.

◦ **Roger Messick, `52**, was an Army major and had two tours in Vietnam flying choppers into combat. He attended Army Ranger School with Colin Powell.

◦ **Julian Quarles, `35**, served in World War II and was captured by German forces in Italy. Put on a POW train bound for Germany, Julian and his company commander escaped and made their way back to American lines.

◦ **Ed Click, `50**, was a lieutenant colonel in the Army serving in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. First assigned to field artillery, he later became an intelligence officer.

◦ **Don Studer** was in the Marines 1958-1961, left the service for three years, then joined the Army in 1964 for a 17 year hitch 1964-1981. He had two tours in Vietnam.

◦ **Richard McLaughlin, `49**, went off to World War II before he came to AMA. Serving with Patton's Third Army, his unit freed the King of Belgium and his family who were being held by the Nazis.

◦ **Mal Livick** was a staff sergeant in the Air Force stationed in England where he was when he applied for the job at Augusta Military Academy.

◦ **Rutland Beard, `42**, was a full colonel and one of a handful who earned a Combat Infantryman Badge in three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

◦ **Ed Chauncey, `49**, was a staff sergeant in the Air Force and was a radio traffic analyst in Arlington where he monitored Soviet communications.

◦ **Homer Anderson, `38**, a lieutenant JG in the Navy, took Ernest He mingway and a Higgins boat filled with combat troops onto Omaha Beach on D-Day 6 June 1945.

◦ **Rick Smail, `67**, was a CWO2 in the Army flying combat missions in Vietnam. Shot down twice, he even flew into Cambodia which everyone denied at the time.

◦ **Larry Nicholson, `75**, just completed his second tour in Iraq where he had been seriously wounded on his first tour. Since returning to the U. S., Colonel Nicholson has been promoted to brigadier general.

◦ **Angus Hines, `42**, couldn't pass the eye exam for the Navy so he went in the Merchant Marine in World War II *"and spent the war hoping my ship wasn't going to be sunk."*

◦ **Karl Haleamau, `71**, was an Army sergeant 1972-75, and a CPO in the Navy 1986-2005. He was in Kuwait during Desert Storm doing surveillance and Russian sub hunting.

◦ **Goodloe Saunders, `57**, spent 25 years in the Air Force retiring as a lieutenant colonel. In 1972, he was stationed in Thailand in support of B-52s and KC-135s. For four years, he was in support of Air Force One.

◦ **Cecil DePriest, `43**, was in the 82nd Airborne and fought all over Germany. He remembers the bitter cold of the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944.

◦ **Luke Stephenson, `39**, was on active duty for seven years flying the PT-17, B-25s and C-47s. He also boxed Max Schmelling to a draw in Germany in 1946. **General Roller**'s wife was his aunt.

Last but not least on the subject of General Roller's family:

◦ **Linda Roller Livick** remembered her closeness to the General who served as a father figure to her after her Dad, **Charles Roller, III** (for whom the Roller Rifles is named) was killed in an auto accident when Linda was but 18 months old.

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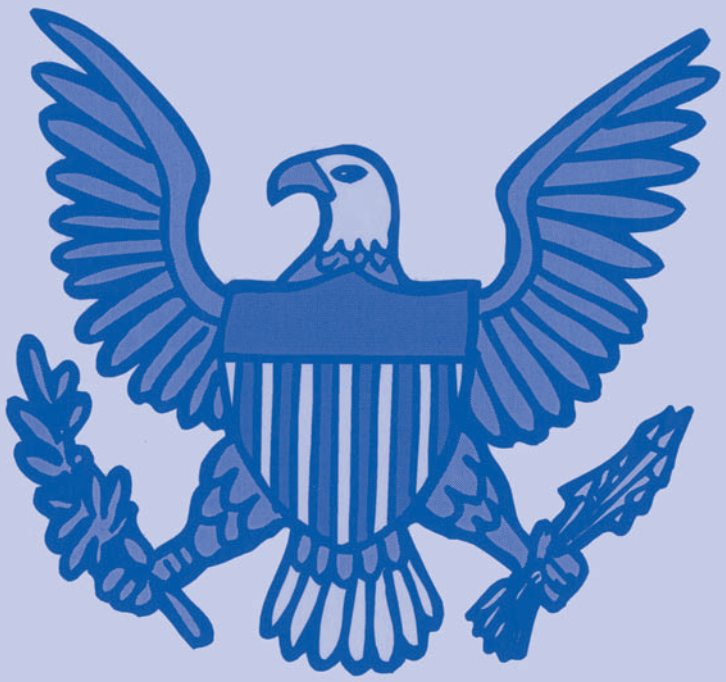

Scholarship application available

AMA web site is upgraded, *Recall* sports pages added

"The AMA account with our web service provider was upgraded significantly over the summer giving us more disk space for web pages at less cost."

B. J. d'Orsay, '70, takes a break from his gigantic task of getting AMA's yearbooks on our website.

This is the encouraging report from AMA's marvelous webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**. He says that prior to the upgrade we were at about 90 per cent of capacity. Under the new arrangement, we are using less that fifteen per cent of our capacity. d'Orsay says, *"Expect to see more scanned Recalls on line but it is still too costly to digitize each book in its entirety. The plan is to place pages selectively on the web page focusing on people, sports and cadet activities."*

AMA Legacy Scholarship application materials are also on AMAAlumni.org. This includes all the material an applicant would receive if he or she contacted the AMA Alumni House. There is a full explanation of the scholarship program, the application, and, new this year, a matrix describing the scoring rubric used by the judges.

Promotional material for the proposed AMA Sports Hall of Fame is now on the web site which will help the judges determine who the first inductees will be. d'Orsay says that the on site *Recalls* have sports pages similar to what is in the printed versions. *"There is a listing of all AMA athletic administrators and coaches beginning in 1895. Thanks to **Ed Click, '50**, for putting this list together."*

As more yearbooks are scanned by **Bruce Nicholson, '62**, and his volunteers, the sports pages will go on the web site first. *"Not only will this help those who want to nominate someone for the Sports Hall of Fame but it teaches them a lot about AMA's legacy. I learned that the 1948 football team was the Virginia State Champion and the winner of the Orchid Bowl game in Chattanooga."*

As we went to press, some 20 years of sports pages from *Recalls* are on the web with more coming every day until they are done.

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Alumni at the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade

Just before Christmas each year, decorated boats parade down the Intercostal Waterway. **Dr. Octavio Prieto, `67**, invited AMA friends to view the parade from his home.

Doug Pennock, '72, Dr. Prieto and Louie Iglesias, '75

Nicky Syropolus, '69, observes the Cuban Master Cigar Roller. Syropoulos is a Cuban?

Louie Iglesias, '75, Manuel Balbis, '53, Burt Glick, '70, Nick Syropoulos, '69, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, and Doug Pennock, '72, At right, Kiki Rovirosa, Diane Glick and Lucrecia Balbis.

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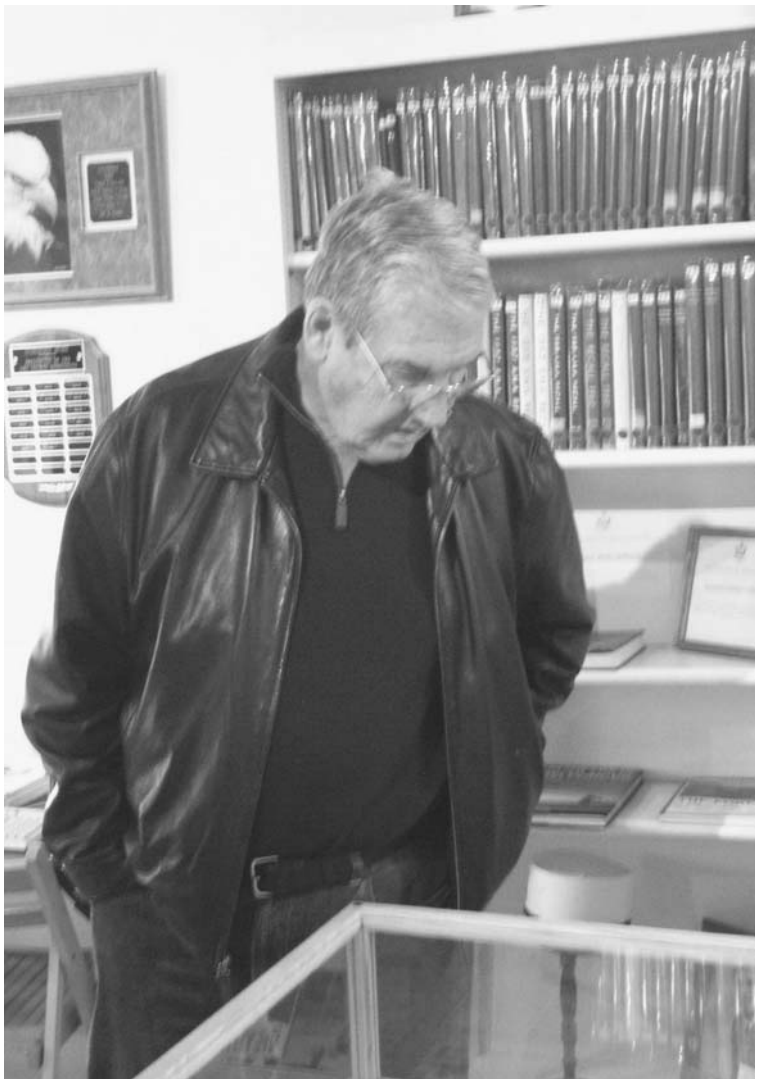

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WINTER SCENE - A mid-January 2008 snow storm, coming on top of a sleet storm, made driving treacherous in the Valley, but painted some beautiful scenes in the sullen cold. While some cadets remember the snows fondly, Bill Scarborough, '69, asks, *"How many days did we trudge through the snow headed for the Big Room, to The PX and The Fort and to the Mess Hall? I don't remember that a Sunday Parade ever was cancelled because of snow, no matter how deep it was."* Nick Syropoulos, '69, remembers one day when school was actually cancelled: *"We built huge snow forts on the Drill Field and in Lily Valley and a great snowball battle took place with the road into the school being the DMZ."* John McCutchan, '68, recalls that, *"there was so much snow one winter that church was cancelled. The Corps couldn't get up the hill through twenty some inches of the white stuff."*

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George Klein, '54, and his wife, Sally, pay a visit to the AMA Museum. If you have not been to the museum for a while, you will be surprised at what is now on display. On these wintry weekends, why not take your family for a visit. There is something to see for every age group!

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Cadets from 1948 era receive *Recall* honors

Do you remember when *The Recall* used to list cadets who were tops in some category? The 1948 yearbook was no exception.

Don Fretz was chosen as best looking, most popular and the second biggest ladies man. **Bill Hill** was one of the best Corporals of the Guard while **Guy Gooding** and **Bob Eacho** were best NCOs. **Hal Walters** was one of the best dancers, Gooding was the neatest cadet while **Richard McLaughlin** was the most polite.

McLaughlin, the late **Paul Bratton** and **Fred Shappee** were voted as having done the most for the school. Bratton, the late **Bill Aldrich** and **Lloyd Henry** were named as Best Commissioned Officers. McLaughlin also was chosen as having the most school spirit along with Bratton and Shappee.

The best athletes were **Don Johns, John Hushebeck, Don Carmichael** and **Charles Jordan**.

Traumatic brain injuries to Afghanistan and Iraq vets are huge concern

According to the Department of Defense, the signature wound for U.S. soldiers involved in the global war on terrorism is traumatic brain injury, or TBI. In the summer, DOD said there were nearly 22,000 blast survivors and nearly 6,000 returning veterans who have some level of TBI, including Bob Woodruff, ABC's "World News Tonight" co-anchor who sustained a significant TBI when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle.

In addition, there are vets of other wars who have some strain of TBI. Posit Science and Easter Seals have teamed up to provide non-invasive therapy for veterans who have TBI. If you know of a veteran who might need this kind of treatment, call toll free 1/866/423-4981 or send an e-mail to: veterans@easterseals.com.

Do you live near Fort Defiance? Please volunteer at the museum!

Roller Rider post-reunion trip planned to NC, Georgia

The annual Roller Riders bike ride will leave at noon from the front of Big Barracks on Sunday 27 April at the end of Reunion 2008.

Garry Granger, `71, Rick Smail, `67, Gordon Metz, `68**, and **Brett Thompson, `75, met to lay out plans for the trip. Metz suggested a ride to Lexington to include a visit to VMI, then to Paint Bank, Virginia, into North Carolina and ending in northern Georgia to the second home of **Jorge Rovirosa, `70**. The plan is to go south on the west side of the Appalachians and return north on the east side returning to Augusta County on Friday. Some riders may drop off before then.

Doug Pennock, `72**, and **Chris Meek, `84, will make the trip for the first time and will have to endure what FNCs always endure. Meek may expect no mercy since he is the only one not riding on an American motorcycle.

If you interested in making the Roller Rider trip, contact one of the following Riders:

Granger at: GGranger@readypac.net
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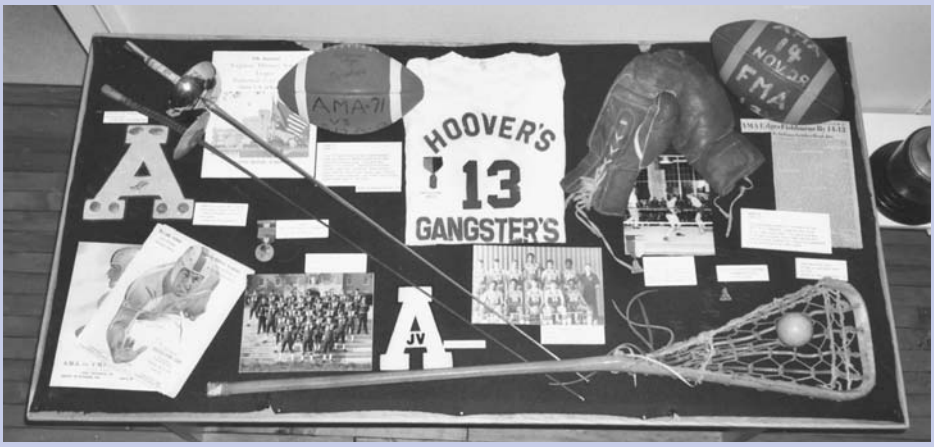

NEW DISPLAYS IN THE MUSEUM

Sporting clay shoot set for Saturday afternoon at reunion

The annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on Saturday afternoon 26 April during Reunion 2008. The shoot will take place after the events on the Drill Field.

Event organizer **Blaine Clarke, `72**, says that participants can bring their own weapons or they will be furnished with one at the range. *"We need a minimum of four shooters in order to reserve time at the Flying Rabbit near Harrisonburg,"* Clarke says.

Contact him at: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net, or phone him at 301/540-6455.

Clyde Ramsey and the Humes are owed our gratitude – again

Those who sign up for the luxury motorcoach trip on Reunion 2008 Friday to The Greenbrier in Lewisburg, West Virginia will owe a debt of gratitude to three stalward and dedicated AMA friends. Lunch at the Sam Snead Grill at The Greenbrier is $30 per person and entrance to The Bunker also is $30 per person. To hold down the cost of the trip, **Clyde Ramsey, `49**, is contributing $30 toward each luncheon!

To get to The Greenbrier, we will travel in a luxury motorcoach from TravelMates in Harrisonburg, donated by **Gaye and Bob Hume, `63**. For many years, the Humes have made this significant contribution to our succesful reunions.

With Clyde, Gaye and Bob's help, the per person price for this wonderful visit to the bunker at The Greenbrier will cost each rider only $39 for a $90 value!

Thank you, Clyde! Thank you, Gaye! Thank you, Bob! Thank you so very much for your undiluted loyalty to AMA.

When you register for the reunion, be sure to make a hotel reservation!

Hotel and motel accommodations are NOT part of the registration fees.

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